

# Energy Savings for Laundromats

## YOUR BIGGEST POTENTIAL SAVINGS ARE IN WATER HEATING, THEN LIGHTING

- ❑ Water heaters consume the most energy in your facility and up to 90% of the energy used to operate washing machines is associated with heating the water.
- ❑ Turn off the water heater at night when the business is closed.
- ❑ Replace an old water heater with an energy efficient model.
- ❑ Wrap water heater storage tanks in an insulating water heater blanket. A specially designed easy to install, pre-cut blanket (or jacket) for electric water heaters will pay for itself in energy saved within one year. Be sure to read the manufacturers instructions. If the manufacturer has instructed not to insulate the water heater, do not insulate it or you may create a safety hazard.
- ❑ If possible, install high-efficiency commercial washers, including but not limited to front-loading machines which can cut energy costs of up to 50% and use about 30% less water. Energy efficient and front-loading commercial clothes washers also last 5 to 10 years longer than standard top-loading machines.
- ❑ Remove lamps from multi-lamp fixtures.
- ❑ Retrofit lighting with energy-efficient bulbs.
- ❑ Replace old ballasts T12 fluorescents with electronic ballasts and T8 fluorescent tubes.

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