

10 more tips on how to do the dishes in a more eco-smart way



- 1. Always wash a full load in the dishwasher:** The more full the dishwasher, the less you will have to use it. This means an even lower consumption of water, energy and detergents. A good dishwasher never needs more than 12-14 litres. Even to wash a few items by hand is difficult with so little water. So rather a half full dishwasher, than a full sink. But there are different machine sizes for different sizes of households. Chose the one that is best for your household.
- 2. Don't pre-rinse your dishes:** Some people still do this, but it hasn't been necessary for years. But do scrape off leftover food.
- 3. Don't pile:** Don't put dishes and cutlery on top of each other and be sure to load hollow items with the opening downwards.
- 4. Use the energy-saving programme:** According to the International Association of Soaps and Detergents "save water and energy" project, 388.000 tonnes of greenhouse emissions could be saved if half of all European households switched to low-energy programmes.
- 5. Check the water hardness level** in your area and set it accordingly on the machine.
- 6. Don't overdose:** Too much detergent doesn't, contrary to common belief, make the dishes cleaner. Instead, overuse of detergent risks degrading the quality of surface waters. This makes it less able to support plant and animal life.
- 7. Don't peek:** Avoid opening the door while the dishwasher is in use.
- 8. Clean the dishwasher filter regularly:** But make sure to put the filter back correctly. Don't run the dishwasher without a filter.
- 9. Save energy and time:** Dishwashers not only consume less water compared with washing the average load by hand -. they also save 0.05kWh per person per day. This means 19.7 percent less energy consumed, and corresponding lower CO₂ emissions. If you use a dishwasher you also save up to 300 hours per year. That's 12 extra days you can spend on other more important things.
- 10. Change to an even newer dishwasher:** Every new generation of appliances put on the market by Electrolux is more efficient than the previous one. The most efficient Electrolux dishwasher available consumes 45 percent less water compared to a 10-15 year old product. It also consumes 35 percent less energy. And not to mention how much more quiet it is.

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