

Did you know washing dishes by hand can consume considerably more energy and water than even a substandard dishwasher?

In fact, washing dishes in an efficient dishwasher uses less than half as much energy as washing dishes by hand and saves nearly 5,000 gallons of water a year. Plus, you save time! Using an efficient dishwasher can save over 230 hours over the course of a year—that's almost 10 days!

It's time to ditch the sponge and upgrade to a new dishwasher. Here's what you need to know when buying a new dishwasher:

- **Look for convenience:** This includes adjustable racks and lots of flatware slots. Some mid-priced dishwashers have third racks that let you lay down large utensils or short cups.
- **ENERGY STAR label is a must:** Dishwashers that qualify as ENERGY STAR products are 12% more energy efficient and 30% more water efficient than standard models.
- **Check your budget:** Opting for a model at a modest price point (\$600) will give you more performance than glitz but fewer convenience features. Higher end models tend to be quieter and have ample flatware slots and other flexible-loading features. Many high-end dishwashers also have stainless steel tubs, which resists stains better than plastic.



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Walnut Creek Saves offers free home energy and water consultations to both homeowners and renters focusing on easy changes that can be made to save the most energy, water, and money.

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Dishwashers: A Shopping Guide



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Bosch SHE3AR76UC Dishwasher

- ENERGY STAR qualified product
- Energy consumption per year: 269 kWh
- Special feature: 18 sound-reducing technologies makes it the quietest dishwasher
- Key features: Variable spray pressures, washes up to 14 place settings, stainless steel tub



KitchenAid KDTM804ESS Dishwasher

- ENERGY STAR qualified product
- New design feature: Window with lighted interior
- Key features: ProWash cycle, Dynamic Wash Arm, third level rack, ProScrub option with 40 targeted jets, Heat Dry option ensures dishes are dry when the cycle ends



Samsung DW80J3020UB Dishwasher

- ENERGY STAR qualified product
- Energy consumption per year: 265 kWh
- Handles up to 15 place settings
- Key features: Digital leak sensor, hard food disposer, quiet operation, adjustable racking system



Bosch SHX3AR75UC Dishwasher

- ENERGY STAR qualified product; exceeds requirements by 69%
- Energy consumption per year: 269 kWh
- Key features: 6 wash cycles, stainless steel tub, overflow leak protection, powerful sanitizing feature



LG LDF5545ST Dishwasher

- ENERGY STAR qualified product
- Energy consumption per year: 258 kWh
- Special feature: QuadWash uses four spray arms with two Multi-Motion arms that rotate back and forth while spinning
- Key features: DualControl offers customized cycles for upper and lower racks, stainless steel, LoDecibel technology offers quiet cycles



Samsung DW80J7550US Dishwasher

- ENERGY STAR qualified product
- Energy consumption per year: 258 kWh
- New design feature: WaterWall technology uses a sweeping wall of water to leave dishes remarkably clean
- Key features: Express 60 cycle option cleans dishes much faster, Zone Booster wash setting offers controllable washing at the touch of a button, virtually silent wash cycles



KitchenAid KDFE104DSS Dishwasher

- ENERGY STAR qualified product
- Includes a ProWash cycle: intuitive one-touch solution that helps ensure the wash cycle is optimized to the needs of the load
- Key features: Heat Dry option ensures dishes are dry when the cycle ends, durable stainless steel



LG LDT9965BD Dishwasher

- ENERGY STAR qualified product
- Key features: Fingerprint proof stainless steel, DualControl offers customized cycles for upper and lower racks, LoDecibel technology offers quiet cycles



Whirlpool WDT720PADM Dishwasher

- ENERGY STAR qualified product
- Energy consumption per year: 260 kWh
- Key features: Sensor cycle automatically selects the right wash and dry settings for your load, silverware spray helps remove stuck-on food from utensils, includes a 1-hour wash cycle

