

Description

LifeSmarts U Environment Lesson Cold Water Clean

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: COLD WATER CLEAN - Talk About It

Participants discuss their opinions about cold water wash. What is clean? How do you determine "clean enough?" Have you ever had clothing that came out of the wash pink or grey, when it wasn't supposed to be pink or grey? Why did that happen? How can garments be ruined in the laundry process? Why do laundry "experts" recommend sorting your clothes and linens before washing them?

Do you think it is worth the effort? Explain your answer.
According to the EPA laundry causes about half a million tons of microfibers to be released into the ocean each year. Most treatment plants are not mandated to capture these microfibers.
Should they be? Why or why not?
France recently adopted a law requiring new washing machines to have microfiber filters by 2025. They are the first country to enact regulations to reduce microfiber pollution from laundry. Discuss the pros and cons of this regulation.
Surprisingly there is a lot of controversy about how often to wash your jeans. How often do you think jeans should be washed?
Do you agree or disagree with the jeans gurus?