

Becoming Sustainable - Hang Your Clothes to Dry



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Being at home more can mean using more energy. Did you know that dryers use a large amount of energy to be able to spin and produce heat at the same time?

Practice being more sustainable by avoiding the dryer and hanging your clothes to dry. You can create an indoor clothesline and allow your clothes to hang in your basement, garage, laundry room, bathroom, or anywhere that works well in your home.

Not only will you save energy, but you will benefit in a few other ways, as well. By avoiding the dryer, you can:

- Save money on your energy bill
- Have less wear and tear on your fabric
- Avoid shrinking your clothes
- Avoid static cling
- Avoid wrinkled clothes
- Create less waste, since you will not need dryer sheets

Don't have an indoor clothesline? Don't worry – you can create your own with a few things that you can find around your home!

*First, you need the line. find and use any of the following from around your home:

- ribbon
- string
- twine
- yarn
- rope
- long bungee cord

What did you find that you can use as the line? _____



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*Now that you have the line, you can figure out how to suspend it. Look around for places that you can tie or hook both ends of the line to, about 4 feet off the ground or higher, and a few feet apart.

Places that often work out well are:

- railings for stairs
- nails, screws, or hook screws above windows or doors
- coat racks
- posts

What did you find that you can use to attach your line to? _____



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*Now, stretch your line out straight and fasten each end to the two attachment places. Your clothes will weigh down the line, so make sure it is suspended tightly and tied or attached securely at the ends. This will keep your clothes from touching the ground when they weigh the line down.

How long and how high up is your clothesline? _____



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*Time to hang those wet clothes! You can do this a couple of ways:

- drape your laundry neatly over the line
- hook laundry on with clothespins
- hang laundry from the line on hangers

How are you hanging your clothes on the line? _____



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Congratulations, you are now on your way to being more sustainable!

Post a picture of yourself being sustainable with your new clothesline and let us know which species you think would benefit from a sustainable planet and why.



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