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## LAUNDERING YOUR LINENS

70 degrees Celsius is generally accepted as the minimum temperature that is required to kill bacteria and fungus without chemicals. The fabrics must be submerged in the hot water for at least twenty-five minutes for efficacy.



Water in a residential hot water system is stored at 60 degrees Celsius BUT plumbing regulations state that temperature coming out of the tap must be reduced to a maximum of 50 degrees Celsius to prevent scalding

Top loaders can never get to the right temperature in a domestic home so you **MUST** add some type of antibacterial agent. Check the manufacturers instructions as many of these will not work over 40 degrees Celsius.

Front loaders can heat their own water so the hot cycle may be sufficient to sanitize your linens but the downside is the cost of electricity to heat the water and the length of the cycle.



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