

# Rustle the Leaf • January 2007

## "Cleaner, Greener Laundry"

Help your parents save energy and money! Color the following three pages, then tape them together and place them on the wall in the laundry room. You'll still have clean clothes, but you'll have a cleaner Earth, too!

### CLEANER

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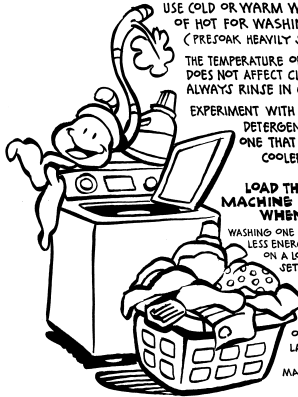
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### GREENER

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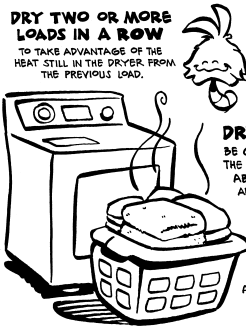
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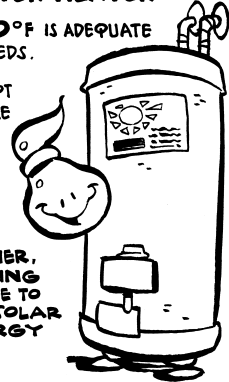
### LAUNDRY

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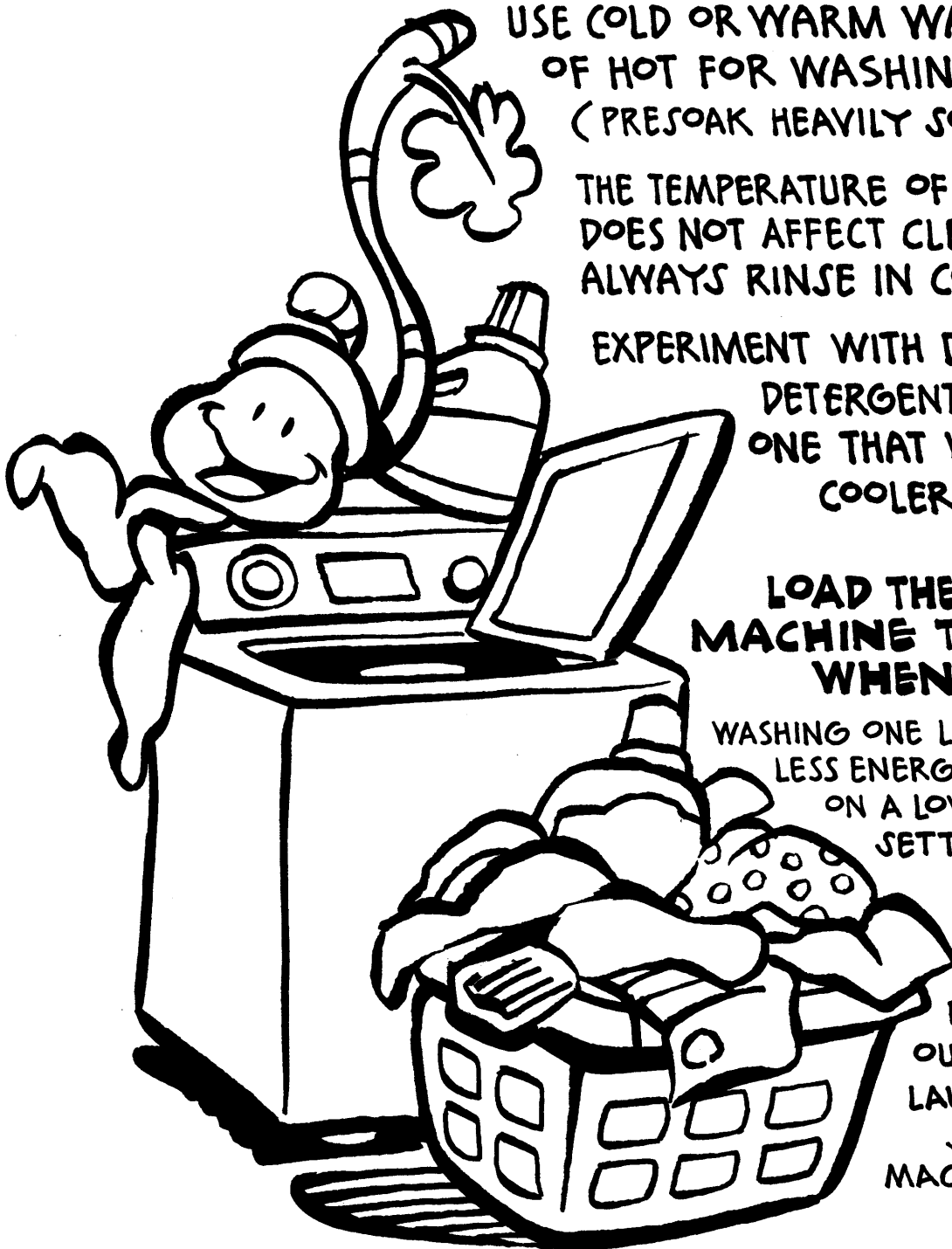
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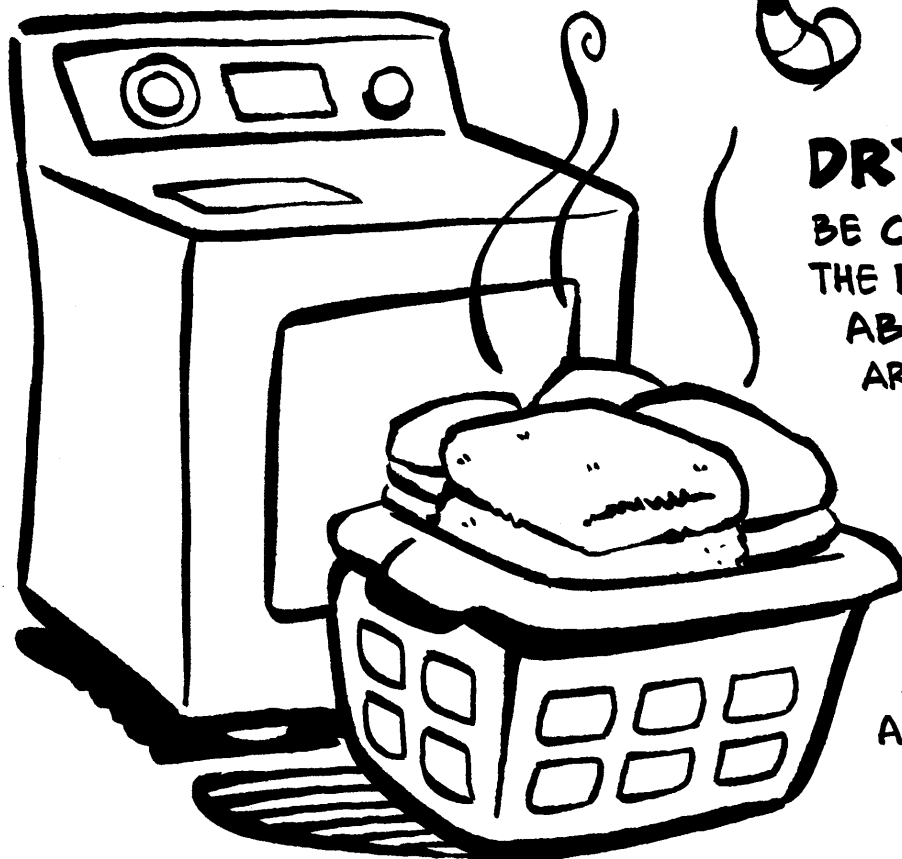
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