Want to keep your clothes nice?

- Wash light and dark colours separately and darks and colours in cold water so they run less and retain colour better (plus cold’s cheapest) If you don’t do this your grey undies or pink socks will not be sexy.

- Buy liquid or powder suitable for your machine – e.g. some are not ok for both top and front loaders.

- Gently hand wash delicates, like silk or wool, in cold water and wool wash or soap flakes, then shape and dry them flat on an old towel. Or don’t get them.

- Dryers cost a fortune to run, plus they shrink stuff (especially socks).

- Use eucalyptus oil, laundry soap and/or soakers for tough stains.

- Rub cheap shampoo on body oil stains (e.g. on cuffs or necks), then wash normally -- plus it can double as washing liquid if you run out (but not much or risk a bubble explosion).

- Cheap conditioner can double as fabric softener if you use it.

- Rub chewing gum with ice then chip it off.