



Water Temperatures

Advantages

Disadvantages

Hot water:

Helps lift oil

Sets stains

Fades colors

Causes shrinkage

Breaks down elastic

Removes perma-press finish

Removes flame retardant finish

Costs more

Not energy efficient

140° F

100° F

Warm water:

*May or may not
set stains*

Protects perma-press

Causes some shrinkage

Causes some fading

80° F

Cold water:

Prevents shrinkage

Prevents fading

Preserves perma-press finish

Most economical

Removes stains best

Energy efficient

