

Table 6-5
Energy-saving use, by household and dwelling characteristics, 2007 — Dwelling construction period

	Before 1946	Between 1946 and 1960	Between 1961 and 1977	Between 1978 and 1995	After 1996	Not stated	All households
	percent						
Used a programmable thermostat ¹	31	31	36	37	49	19 ^E	36
Used 5 or more CFLs	40	33	33	33	39	12 ^E	33
Washed and rinsed laundry in cold water ²	51	52	46	45	44	59	47
Turned computer monitor off when not in use ³	59	57	58	56	53	61	57
Turned off fireplace pilot in summer ⁴	33	33	36	44	58	F	44
Air dried dishes in dishwasher (door open) ⁵	20	15	14	11	12	F	13
Used dimmers on household lights	47	47	50	57	51	25	50
Unplugged electronics when away for extended periods	56	56	57	54	58	57	56
Reduced heating or cooling in areas of the dwelling	63	59	61	66	65	38	61
Used a clothesline or drying rack	77	66	63	61	56	53	63
Used fans for cooling in summer	74	69	67	67	59	61	66
Closed blinds or drapes during the hottest part of the day	82	83	88	86	87	71	85

1. As a proportion of households that had one or more thermostats in their dwelling.

2. As a proportion of households that used a washer in their dwelling.

3. As a proportion of households that had a desktop computer in their dwelling.

4. As a proportion of households that had a gas-burning fireplace in their dwelling.

5. As a proportion of households that had a dishwasher in their dwelling.

Source(s): Statistics Canada, Households and the Environment Survey: Energy Use, 2007, Catalogue no. 11-526-S.