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It's hard to get by in New England without a clothes dryer but when the weather's nice you can partner your dryer with some fresh air and save energy and money. The Department of Energy (2001) estimates that 5.8 percent of household energy is used to run the clothes dryer. With BMLD rates, if you run your dryer for 6 hours once a week, that's an estimated \$185/year. When the weather's nice, why not let the fresh air dry your clothes? If hanging each and every one of your socks up to dry seems too tedious, just hang the big stuff, likes shirts, pants, sheets and towels. Then combine two or three loads of the smaller stuff and you can run your dryer just once instead of multiple times. And if your jeans feel starched when they come off the line, put them in the dryer for a five minute toss to loosen them up. Your local hardware store likely carries an umbrella-type folding clothesline which is easy to install and can be folded up and put in storage when it's in the way or not needed. Or check out [clotheslineshop.com](http://clotheslineshop.com) for other styles and ideas. In terms of location in your yard, it's more important to have a little breeze than it is to have direct sunlight. Save energy and get outside this summer! During the winter months, hanging laundry indoors provides some extra humidity, but be wary of indoor mold. For more information, check out <http://www.laundrylist.org/>.