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Kit out your utility room – you'll find lots of practical Best Buys that get the job done at Which.co.uk

hether you need a new boiler, washer-dryer, iron – or simply want to know which are the best cleaning products to keep your home sparkling, www.which.co.uk/ reviews will have the right item for you – and only Which? members can access this information.

The items listed here are just a few of the Best Buys we've found through testing, and all are listed online: eight Best Buy boilers among 52 tested, nine Best Buy washer-dryers from 57 tested, 10 Best Buy irons among 51 tested – and dozens of Best Buy cleaning products.

And, if you're looking for something else for your utility area, chances are it's listed at www.which. co.uk/reviews. Which? members can find out about the latest Best Buy tumble dryers, carpet cleaners, washing-up liquids and energy-saving light bulbs online.



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FAIRY ORIGINAL 98p/100ml www.which.co.uk/ washingupliquids

Original Fairy is still the best, scoring 89% in Which? tests and giving you long-lasting cleaning power. A 2ml squirt can clean 50 plates, more than any other liquid on test, and one bottle will get through 12,500 plates in total. Note that the formula is being changed later this year.

GLOW-WORM ULTRACOM 24 HXI £788 www.which.co.uk/boilers

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It's rare to find a heat-only boiler (used with a hot-water cylinder) that's good enough to recommend, but this one scored 78%. It ticks all the boxes for efficiency, low emissions and ease of installation, servicing and use, and has a two-year parts and one-year labour warranty.

MIELE S7210 £248 www.which.co.uk/ vacuumcleaners

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This bagged upright vacuum cleaner scored 76% in Which? tests. Dust pick-up from carpet, laminate and floorboards is outstanding and filtration is excellent – good news for allergy sufferers. Suction stays strong as the bag fills.

AEG-ELECTROLUX L16850 £512

www.which.co.uk/ washerdryers

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Scoring 75%, this is one of the best washer-dryers we've seen, combining excellent washing results with impressive drying speed. The cotton program gets clothes really clean, the rinse is effective and the machine dries quickly and evenly.

ON TEST UTILITY ROOM PRODUCTS





ARIEL EXCEL GEL £3.99 www.which.co.uk/ washingdetergents

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which? EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

> Ariel Excel Gel, which scored 75%, washes well at 30°C and gets rid of food stains such as chocolate ice cream and bolognese sauce with ease. Unlike many laundry liquids, it doesn't turn whites grey or wash away colours – so bright, contrasting clothes last longer.

SAINSBURY'S CARPET AND UPHOLSTERY CLEANER £2.43 www.which.co.uk/ carpetstainremovers

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Scoring 79%, this liquid cleaner is easy to apply and produced outstanding results on fresh Ribena, red wine and chocolate spread stains as well as great results on most dried-in stains. It outclassed big brands such as Vanish and 1001.

CIF MULTI-PURPOSE ACTIFIZZ LEMON £2.14 www.which.co.uk/

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allinonecleaners Cif tackles spills, stains and surfaces with ease. It scored 76% in our tests. It's excellent at cleaning tea, curry, hard water marks and soap scum. Burnt-on pasta sauce needs less effort to clean than with other products.

PHILIPS GC4610 AZUR £40 www.which.co.uk/irons

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This Philips produces excellent ironing results across the board, scoring 88%. You'll get good results on any heat setting, and it makes swift work of toughto-iron fabrics such as linen. It's a little heavier than many, but the weight makes for excellent ironing results.