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Clothes Dryer Fire Safety

- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to sleep.



*Dryers should be properly **grounded**.*

*Check the **outdoor vent flap** to make sure it is not covered by snow.*

*Keep the area around your dryer **clear** of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.*

*Clothes that have come in contact with **flammable substances**, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.*

FACT....

The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.