



Clothes Dryer Safety

Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- ⇒ Have your dryer installed and serviced regularly by a professional.
- ⇒ Never use the dryer without a lint filter.
- ⇒ **Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry.** Remove lint that has collected around the drum as well.
- ⇒ Metal venting material used to connect the dryer to the vent on the wall must be free of kinks or blockages, allowing for unrestricted air flow.
- ⇒ **If you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean the lint out of the vent pipe behind your dryer or contact the maintenance office at [706-685-3929](tel:706-685-3929) to have the dryer vent inspected and cleared of any lint.**
- ⇒ Make sure the right plug is used and that the machine is connected properly.
- ⇒ Follow the manufacture's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- ⇒ Turn the dryer off when you leave home or go to bed.

Visit the National Fire Prevention Association at www.nfpa.org/education for more fire safety information.

AND DON'T FORGET...

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 before being washed and dried as usual.

FACT

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