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PREVENT FIRES...CLEAN YOUR CLOTHES DRYER

Poor dryer maintenance, especially in residential homes and multi-unit dwellings causes 20,000 fires and \$96 million in damages annually, according to the Consumer Products Safety Commission. Dryers are of great potential danger. They contain highly flammable lint that can easily ignite due to the combination of blocked airways and heat.



TIPS FOR PREVENTING DRYER FIRES

- Clean your lint filter before every load. This will minimize the lint blow-by around the filter and save energy by helping the dryer run more efficiently.
- Inspect your lint filter every time you pull it out. If there are any rips or distortions in the screen, replace the filter.
- Check the outside exhaust to make sure that exhaust air is escaping properly. Remove any lint found there.
- Make sure your vent hose is cleaned regularly. One of the biggest causes of vent hose fires is the accumulation of lint in the vent hose. Over time the lint builds up to such a degree that the dryer can not exhaust properly. This results in increased drying times and ultimately in a fire.
- Vacuum out lint that has accumulated around the motor and cabinet interior.
- You may want to have your dryer professionally disassembled and cleaned annually. A professional cleaning removes accumulated lint and dirt from the dryer cabinet interior, motor and burner or heating elements. In addition to reducing the risk of fire, this cleaning will also help the drum bearings and rollers last longer, minimizing future service calls.

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