

Scioto's Monthly Home Care Tips

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Check Your Dryer Vent



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 by a professional.
- Do not 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.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting 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. If you notice that it is taking longer than normal to dry your clothes, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you at least once a year.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a 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.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave the house or when you go to sleep.

And Don't Forget...

- 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 vent clear of things that can burn like boxes, cleaning supplies, and clothing.
- Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be put outside to dry before being washed as usual.



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