

Washer and Dryer Appliance Care Guide:

Washing Machine

1. Door and soap dispenser open (every time) - After you are done using your washing machine, please always leave the washing machine door and soap dispenser door slightly open. It helps with air circulation in the areas where soap and water travel, which in turn prevents unpleasant smells and mold buildup.
2. Drain filter clean (once a month) - If your washing machine has an accessible drain filter (usually bottom right or left of appliance there will be an access panel or small door), make sure to check and clear any obstructions monthly, to prevent having any clogs in the system which can cause drain faults.
3. Door gasket clean (every time) - If you have a front loading washing machine, with a rubber door boot, make sure to dry out the bottom crevice and give the whole gasket a quick wipe with bleach. It will prevent any mold and foul smell build up from occurring.
4. Vinegary cycles (once a month) - Measure out two cups of distilled white vinegar and pour it directly into your washing machine's detergent dispenser. Set the washer to run on its longest cycle with the hottest water. Sprinkle half a cup of baking soda directly into the drum of the washing machine and run it on the same settings (highest and hottest). Will help clean the inside of the drums and prevent any odors from building up, as well as excess dirt that could stain your clothes.

Dryer

1. Lint filter (every time) - Once the cycle is complete, make sure to clean out the lint filter to prevent clogging and poor drying quality. As well, you can use a long thin vacuum nozzle to clean the inside of the lint filter as well, which should be done every two weeks to a month.
2. Internal vent check (once a year/if noticing issue) - If you are noticing that your laundry is taking longer than usual to dry, or is not drying effectively, It is recommended to clean your dryer venting once a year to prevent clogs or possible fire hazards.
3. External vent check (once a year/if noticing issue) - If you are noticing that you laundry is taking longer than usual to dry, or is not drying effectively, it is recommended to check your outside vent cap for any blockages. These caps usually have grating that prevents any foreign objects from entering, but could also cause lint to build up on it causing a blockage of lint preventing hot air from escaping your dryer.
4. Lint filter deep clean (every three months) - make sure to take out your lint filter and give it a good wash with a bit of laundry detergent and water to remove any buildups left by lint of dryer sheets.