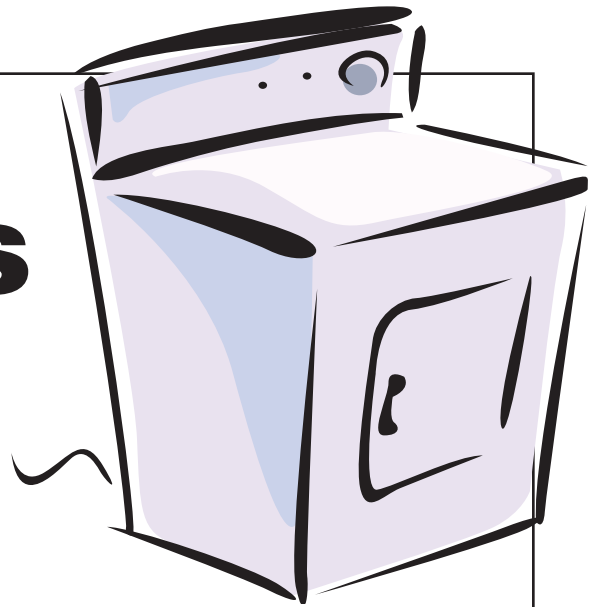


Prevent Dryer Fires



In 2006, over ½ of the clothes dryer fires occurred in 1- & 2-family homes and caused 2 civilian injuries, 2 firefighter injuries and \$266,620 in damages.

- **Clean the filter screen after each load.**
This will keep the vent clear. When accumulated lint clogs the vent, the dryer can overheat and a fire could result.
- **Stay home while the dryer is in use!**
Turn off the dryer before leaving the house.
- **Clean vents to outside.**
Twice a year you should clean the plastic hose pipe that vents to the outside. Use the vacuum cleaner to suck out accumulated dust and lint.
- **Vacuum the motor area.**
The dust and lint in the vent pipe can ignite if it gets hot enough. Vacuum the motor area if you can get to it. You may have to remove a panel.
- **Clean commercial dryer vents regularly.**
Commercial dryers get a lot of use and will have a common venting system. It is extremely important to have the vent systems cleaned regularly.
- **Don't dry mop heads.**
The dryer's heat can ignite the cleaning chemical residue on mop heads.
- **Keep surrounding area clear.**
Don't leave clothing or other ordinary combustibles too close to the dryer. The dryer's heat may ignite them.



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