




Take it seriously! Dryer overheating threatens dire consequence



Each year, dryer lint combustion claims many thousands of homes to devastating fire, and causes widespread damage, loss, injury, and death. Prevention couldn't be easier. Just think air flow.

EVERY USE — Air flow is the key in maintaining good air flow and preventing overheating.

- Make it a habit to clean the lint screen and compartment and brush off any remaining lint every time you use your dryer.
- If you use fabric softener or any product to reduce static electricity, wash the screen in warm soapy water to eliminate film buildup that restricts air flow.
- Inspect the screen for even lint distribution and tears, and replace immediately to prevent overheating or lint passing into the duct and restricting air flow.
- Do not open the lint panel while the tumbler is in operation.

QUARTERLY — Inspect the duct, dampers, and access covers. Clean all removable parts and make sure they operate freely. Vacuum the duct. On the unit itself, wipe down the blower, drive motor, and thermostat. Check the belt tension and condition, and replace if worn or cracked.

OTHER PRECAUTIONS — Beware vapors that could ignite when heated. Do not dry items that have been cleaned in, washed in, soaked in, or spotted with gasoline, dry cleaning solvents, vegetable or cooking oil, machine oil, or anything containing wax or chemicals such as mop heads and cleaning clothes, or any flammable or explosive substances.

Do not operate your dryer if it is smoking, grinding, or has missing or broken parts.

Disconnect electrical power or close the gas shut-off valve as applicable before servicing. Never bypass any safety devices.

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