

# DRYER VENT MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

## After Every Load

	Clean the lint trap completely before starting the next load.
	Remove any visible lint around the dryer door or seal.

## Monthly Checks

	Inspect the outdoor vent flap while the dryer is running to make sure it opens properly.
	Look for visible lint buildup around the exterior vent opening.
	Check behind the dryer for crushed, kinked or disconnected vent hoses.
	Pay attention to changes in dryer performance, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clothes taking longer to dry</li> <li>• excess heat</li> <li>• burning smells</li> <li>• increased humidity in the laundry room</li> </ul>

## Every Few Months

	Carefully vacuum around and behind the dryer to remove lint and dust buildup.
	Inspect vent hoses for wear, damage or sagging sections that may trap lint.
	Confirm the vent line is securely connected.

## Schedule Professional Cleaning if You Notice:

	Multiple drying cycles are needed regularly.
	The dryer overheats during operation.
	A burning smell while the dryer is running.
	Excess lint around the vent opening.
	Weak airflow from the exterior vent.
	It has been more than a year since the last professional cleaning.

## Annual Dryer Vent Maintenance Recommendations

	Schedule professional dryer vent cleaning at least once a year for most homes.
	Homes with pets or larger families may benefit from more frequent cleanings.
	Ask technicians to inspect for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• damaged vent materials</li> <li>• crushed vent lines</li> <li>• improper vent installation</li> <li>• excessive lint buildup in hard-to-reach areas</li> </ul>