



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:
 - clothes taking longer to dry
 - excess heat
 - burning smells
 - increased humidity in the laundry room

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:
 - damaged vent materials
 - crushed vent lines
 - improper vent installation
 - excessive lint buildup in hard-to-reach areas