Laundry Machine Instructions

FOR WHEN YOU NEED TO WASH CLOTHES
How to Use The Washer and Dryer

General Safety Tips

- Never let children play on, near, or inside of laundry equipment.
- Make sure combustible items are not left on top of or near laundry equipment.
- Never mix chlorine bleach with ammonia or acids such as vinegar as this could form a toxic gas that could result in death.
- Never insert clothes that have been exposed to combustible chemicals such as gasoline or cooking oil into your washer or dryer.
- Always read and follow the directions written on the tags of your clothing items to be washed and dried.
- NEVER allow machines to run while unattended.

Washer

Step 1) Add washing detergent and fabric softener in the directed location
Step 2) Select the wash cycle dependent on the type of clothing
Step 3) Start the cycle so the drum will begin to fill with water.
Step 4) Add clothing evenly in the drum of the washer after about 1/3 filled with water.
Step 5) Close the lid of the washer and let washer complete washing cycle.
Step 6) After cycle is completed, lift lid and remove contents.
Step 7) If bleach cleaning solution was used, run the wash cycle again before loading clothes into the unit again.

Dryers

Step 1) Check lint trap and remove any lint
Step 2) Load clothing into dryer cylinder
Step 3) Add dryer sheet (if wanted)
Step 4) Select cycle appropriate for type of clothes
Step 5) Begin cycle and allow cycle to complete
Step 6) Remove load from dryer, using caution as metals on clothing may be extremely hot
Step 7) Check the lint trap and remove any lint that may be present, failure to do this may cause a fire.
Frequent Problems and Causes

- The washer shakes excessively while spinning
  - clothing was not evenly distributed when loaded

- Clothes are dripping wet out of the washer
  - an incorrect spin cycle was used or washer was overfilled
  - run another spin cycle only

- Colored spots on clothing
  - incorrect use of fabric softener, or not sorting clothes correctly

- Clothes do not come out smelling clean
  - washer was overloaded

- Too many suds
  - too much detergent was used
  - make sure to run an empty cycle before reloading washer

- Empty the dryer lint trap before each use so that clothes dry faster and no over-heating of the unit.

Who do I contact when there is a problem with a unit?

Submit a Fix It ticket online through your building's Handbook link on the Housing website.

Or email us at housing@umn.edu