



CERT Monthly Safety Tip

Clothes Dryer Fire Safety

A leading cause of dryer fires is failure to clean and maintain them correctly

- **Have your dryer installed and then serviced by a qualified professional once a year**
- **Have gas dryers inspected to ensure the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks**
- **Ensure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected and properly grounded**
- **Use rigid or flexible metal exhaust venting material. Do not restrict the exhaust vent pipe. Ensure the vent flap opens when the dryer operates**
- **Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions. Don't overload the dryer**
- **Do not use the dryer without a lint filter. Clean the filter before or after each load of laundry**
- **Keep the dryer area clear of things that can burn**
- **Put clothes that have contacted flammable substances outside to dry; then wash and dry as usual**
- **Turn the dryer off when you go to bed or leave home**

(Information Source : National Fire Protection Association)

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