

## MAINTAINING YOUR WASHING MACHINE FILTER

It is recommended that **you clean your filter every month**. The filter will collect hair, coins, and tissues, so it is important to clean it regularly. Even if you do not have time to do a thorough clean every few weeks, it is not a bad idea to check your filter for any possible build up.

Clean a removable lint filter by taking it out of the washing machine and placing it in a sink filled with hot soapy water. Allow the filter to sit in the water for 10 to 15 minutes. Once the filter has soaked, take it out of the water and gently scrub it with a soft brush. When you are done, inspect the lint filter to ensure there is no more gunk leftover before placing it back in your washer.

In order to clean a non-removable filter, grab either a soft brush or a clean rag and carefully wipe away the lint and detergent residue clogging the component.

## MAINTAINING YOUR DRYER FILTER

**The Lint Trap and Screen** – Depending on the design of your dryer the lint trap either will be on the top of the dryer or located just inside the door. Be sure to locate the dryer's lint trap, which houses the lint screen, before continuing. Check your manual first.

**Remove the lint screen from the lint trap** – Simply grab the end of the screen and give it a gentle pull. The screen should lift out fully from the dryer.

**Clear the lint free from the screen** – The trick here is to just get a small amount of lint to start with. Once you have scraped a small bit free from the screen use it to remove the remaining lint. Like a snowball rolling down hill, the lint will attract to itself and aid in the removing process. Once it is removed, toss the lint into the garbage bag.

**Use your vacuum cleaner and use a soft brush attachment to clean the screen** – Turn on the Vacuum and simply run the attachment over the screen. This will remove any remaining lint from the screen.

**Now use the vacuum to remove any lint from the lint trap –** Swap out the attachment on the vacuum for one with a longer neck. Once you have done that, turn on the vacuum and put the attachment as far into the lint trap as possible. Now work the attachment around the inside of the trap. The goal here is to remove any and as much of the residual lint as possible.

Occasionally, you might want to pull the attachment out (since you will not be able to see down the trap), and make sure the tip of the vacuum attachment is not clogged, which it often is. If so, just pull out the lint that is clogging the attachment, put your hand against the end to check that it's sucking clearly, and reinsert it into the trap.

**Once the lint trap is clean, put the lint screen back into place –** It is as easy as it sounds, simply take the lint screen (now cleaned) and put it back into the cleaned lint trap.

