

CITY OF KEISER

Clothes Dryer Safety Guidelines

The National Fire Protection Association reports that failure to clean dryers is the leading cause of home fires. Follow these safety standards to protect your property and family.

Cleaning

- **Lint Filter:** Clean before or after **every single load**. Never run the dryer without it.
- **The Drum:** Check the back and edges of the drum monthly for trapped lint.
- **Exhaust Vent:** Professional cleaning is recommended **annually** to ensure clear airflow.

Installation


- **Metal Ducting:** Use **only** rigid or flexible metal venting. Foil and plastic ducts are major fire hazards.
- **Vent Path:** Must exhaust **directly outdoors**. Never vent into crawlspaces or attics.

Safe Habits

- **Supervision:** Never leave the dryer running when you leave the house or go to sleep.
- **Cool Down:** Allow the dryer to finish its "cool down" cycle to prevent heat buildup.

Electrical

- **Wall Outlets:** Plug directly into a heavy-duty wall socket. **No extension cords.**
- **Gas Safety:** Have gas lines checked annually for leaks by a qualified professional.

 **EMERGENCY: If you smell smoke or the unit is excessively hot, STOP the dryer and UNPLUG it immediately.**

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