

# LAUNDRY LOGIC

## Keeping It Clean

### General Laundry Tips

- \*Check your pockets, check for stains, and check the label before every load.
- \*Very large items may need to be washed alone.
- \*Use the recommended amount of detergent on the label for average loads. Always use a detergent that is made for your type of washing machine.
- \*Clothes need room to move. Fill the tub loosely.
- \*Detergents work best in warm-to-hot water. Cold water should be used for clothes whose colors might fade or clothes that are only lightly soiled.
- \*Cold rinse water saves energy and helps prevent wrinkling.
- \*Follow the manufacturer's label directions on products like bleaches and fabric softeners.
- \*Don't overload the dryer.
- \*Use the permanent press wash and dry cycles for permanent press fabrics.
- \*To save energy, always wash a full load or match the water level setting to the amount of clothes being washed.

## Sorting It Out

**First, sort by color.** Wash all whites separately; wash pastels and medium colors together; wash brights and darks by themselves.

**Second, sort for soil.** Sort heavily soiled items from lightly soiled ones.

**Third, consider specialty sorts.**

**Size:** Mix small and large items together in each load. Let clothes move freely.

**Fabric :** Consider the fabrics. Separate loosely knitted garments and delicates. Then wash them on gentle cycle.

**Lint Losers:** Fuzzy sweat shirts, robes, flannels and new towels share their lint. Wash them in a load by themselves - away from garments which attract lint easily.

**Brights:** Hot pinks, bright greens, electric blues are often much less colorfast. Wash separately and do not pretreat unless you have tested them for colorfastness.

### See Spots?

**Identify the spot.** The more you know the spot or stain, the more likely you are to get it out. When in doubt, rinse or soak in cold water before laundering.

**Treat the spot immediately!**

The sooner you attack the spot, the easier it is to remove. Check freshly washed wet clothes for stains that don't wash away.

Instead of drying them, pretreat the stains and wash them again.

***Drying can permanently set the stains.***

**Pretreat,** a stain before it is dried or set. Use a prewash stain remover, liquid laundry detergent, or a paste made from powdered detergent and water. Test for colorfastness by pre-treating an inconspicuous area. Then, launder the entire garment.

**Blot it out!** Sponge a stain - don't rub it. Rubbing only spreads it and may even damage the fabric.





