Important Customer Safety Advisory

Lint Buildup in Clothes Dryers Can Cause Fires

Fires can occur when lint builds up in the dryer or in the exhaust duct. Excessive lint buildup can block the flow of air, cause overheating, and result in a fire in some dryers. To help prevent fires:

- **Clean the lint screen/filter before or after drying each load of laundry.** If you notice that your laundry is still damp at the end of drying cycles that ordinarily would dry your laundry, or if you experience longer than normal drying times on automatic moisture sensing cycles, this may be a sign that lint has built up, blocking air flow. Clean your lint filter and call an authorized servicer to inspect and clean your dryer and exhaust duct and diagnose the cause of the problem. Call 1-877-435-3287 to schedule service with an authorized servicer.

- **Regularly inspect and clean the outdoor exhaust opening.** A clothes dryer produces combustible lint. The dryer must exhaust to the outdoors. Regularly inspect the outdoor exhaust opening and remove any accumulated lint around the outdoor exhaust opening and in the surrounding areas.

- **At least every 18 months have an authorized service technician clean inside the dryer cabinet, especially between the drum and cabinet, the lint screen housing, and exhaust duct, where lint can build up.** An excessive amount of lint buildup in these areas could result in inefficient drying and possible fire.

- **Replace flexible plastic or foil, accordion-type ducting material with rigid or semi-rigid metal duct.** Rigid or semi-rigid metal ducting provides maximum airflow and reduces the likelihood of a crushed or blocked vent. The flexible plastic or foil type duct is known to collapse, be easily crushed, and trap lint. These conditions will obstruct clothes dryer airflow and increase the risk of a fire.

- **Don't dry items that have been previously cleaned in or soaked with gasoline, cleaning solvents, or other flammable substances.** They could give off vapors that could ignite or explode.

Use rigid or semi-rigid metal ducting

At least every 18 months have an authorized service technician clean the exhaust duct and inside the dryer cabinet (including behind the drum and the lint screen housing)

Regularly inspect and clean the outdoor exhaust opening

Clean the lint screen/filter before or after each cycle