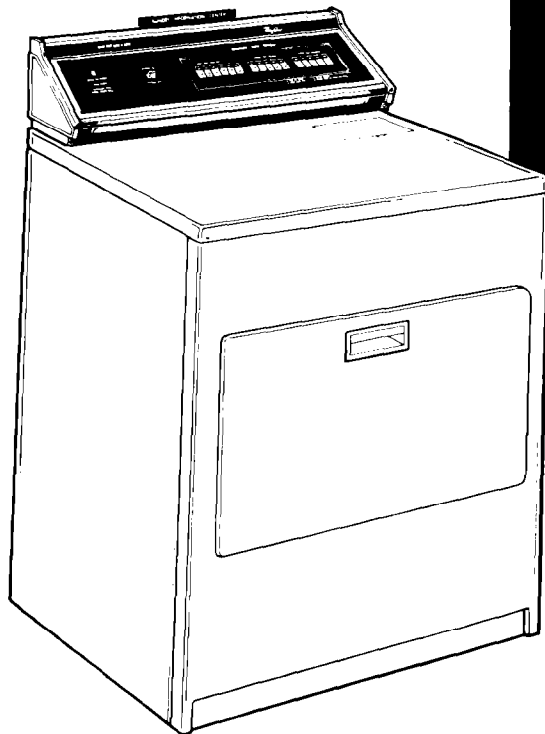


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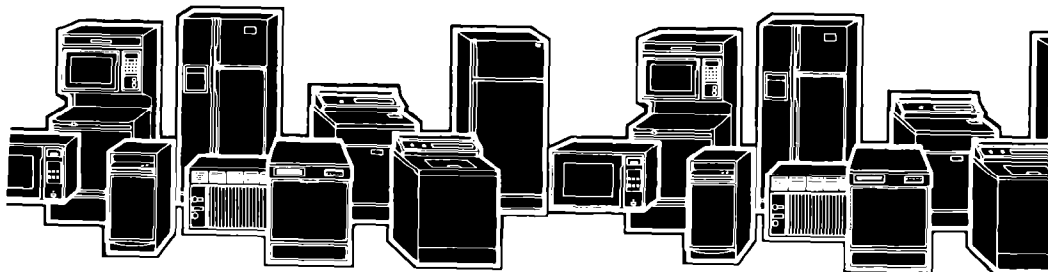
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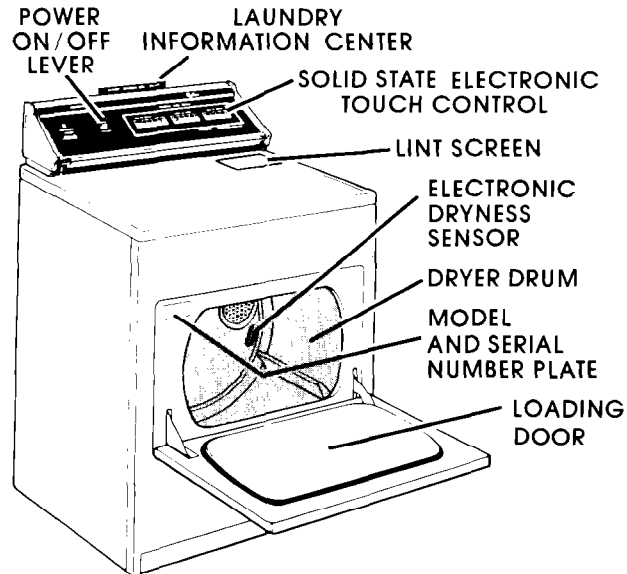
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# Parts and features



Remove the Consumer Buy Guide label before using your dryer. It will be easier to remove.  
Wipe out the dryer drum with a damp cloth to remove dust from storing or shipping.

## Copy your Model and Serial Numbers here

When you need service or call with a question, have this information ready:

- 1. Complete** Model and Serial Numbers (from the plate located as shown).
- 2.** Purchase date from sales slip.

Copy this information in these spaces. Keep this book, your warranty, sales slip and "Dryer Guide" in the Laundry Information Center on the back of the dryer console.

Complete Model Number

Complete Serial Number

Purchase Date

Service Company and Telephone Number

There is no warranty registration to return. Proof-of-purchase is all that is required for in-warranty service.

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# Your Responsibilities

Read this "Use and Care Guide" and your "Dryer Guide" carefully for important use and safety information.

You are personally responsible for making sure that your dryer...

- is installed by a qualified installer.
- is properly maintained.
- is installed in an area protected from the weather.
- is properly installed and leveled in a well ventilated room\* on a floor that can support the weight.

- is located in an area where the temperature is above 45°F (7.2°C).
  - is connected to the right kind of outlet, electric supply and grounding.\*
  - is properly connected to fuel and exhaust systems.\*
  - is used only for jobs normally expected of home clothes dryers.
  - is not run where there may be explosive fumes.
  - is not used by children or anyone unable to operate it properly.
- \*See the "Installation Instructions" for complete information.

## Safety first

**ALWAYS** unplug the power supply cord or turn off electrical power before attempting to service the dryer. Shut off the **GAS VALVE** if yours is a gas dryer.

**ALWAYS** shut off the gas valve before leaving on vacation.

**NEVER** use flammable fluids (dry-cleaning solvents, gasoline, kerosene) in or near your dryer.

**ALWAYS** hand launder or air dry fabrics treated with flammable fluids before putting them into your dryer.

**NEVER** dry items containing wax or paint in the dryer. The fumes can create a **FIRE HAZARD**.

**FIRE HAZARD** and **DAMAGE** to some materials can result from:

- drying heat-sensitive materials with heat (see page 5).
- operating the dryer with the lint screen loose, damaged or missing.
- allowing lint to build up inside the dryer (see page 9).

**NEVER** allow children to operate, play with, or crawl inside the dryer.

**NEVER** operate the dryer if...

- it is not working right.
- it is damaged.
- parts are missing.
- all panels are not in place.

**DO NOT** let dust, lint, paper, rags, chemicals, etc., pile up around or under the dryer. **DO NOT** install against drapes or curtains.

### • FOR YOUR SAFETY •

#### IF YOU SMELL GAS:

1. OPEN WINDOWS.
2. DON'T TOUCH ELECTRICAL SWITCHES.
3. EXTINGUISH ANY OPEN FLAME.
4. IMMEDIATELY CALL GAS SUPPLIER.

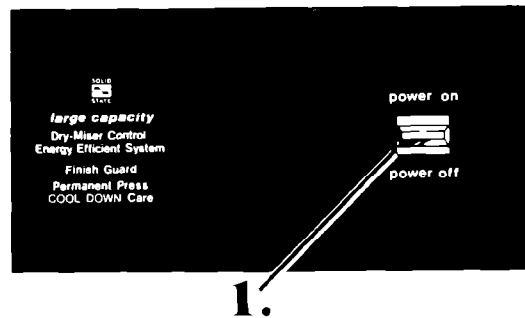
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DO NOT STORE OR USE GASOLINE OR OTHER FLAMMABLE VAPORS AND LIQUIDS IN THE VICINITY OF THIS OR ANY OTHER APPLIANCE.

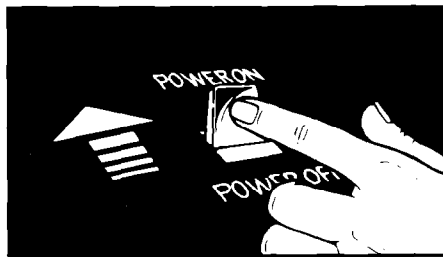
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# Starting your dryer and selecting a cycle

Before starting your dryer, be sure laundry is sorted and loaded properly (see your "Dryer Guide"). **Be sure the door is tightly closed.**

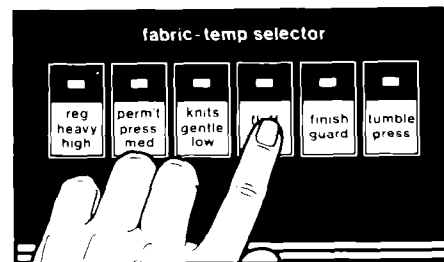


## 1. Turn power on



Move the **POWER SWITCH up**. You will have 8 seconds to touch a FABRIC-TEMP Selector.

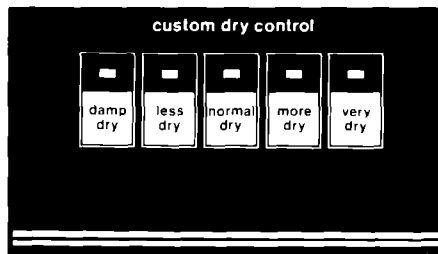
## 2. Touch FABRIC-TEMP Selector



**Within 8 seconds**, touch the **lower** part of a FABRIC-TEMP Selector. The dryer will not operate if you touch the upper half of the selector.

You may change the dryer setting at any time during any cycle by touching the desired selector or selectors.

## 3. Touch a CUSTOM DRY or TIMED DRY Control



**IMPORTANT:** If you **do not** touch a CUSTOM DRY or TIMED DRY Control, the dryer will automatically select **NORMAL DRY**.

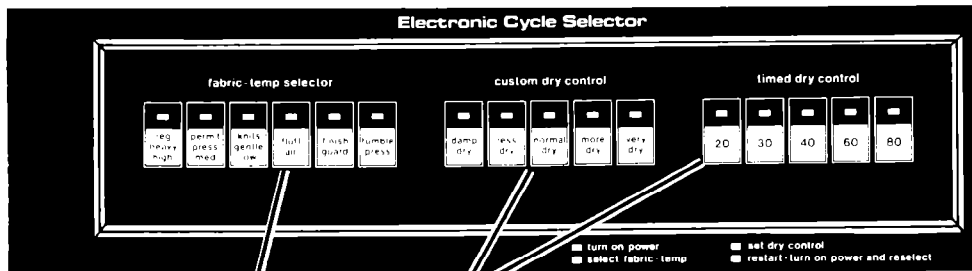
If this is not the dryness you like, you must touch one of the other dryness Controls. See page 6 of this book for more details.

### • To stop the dryer


1. Open the door, or...
2. Move POWER SWITCH to OFF.

### • To check the load

1. Open door.
2. The dryer will remember where it was in the cycle **if you restart the dryer within 2 minutes**. Touch selector with the blinking light to restart.



This chart suggests fabric loads and drying temperatures.

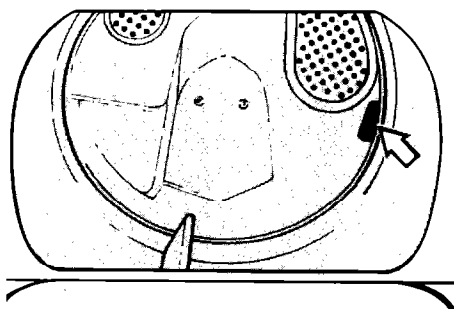
TYPE OF LOAD	SUGGESTED FABRIC-TEMP SELECTOR
<b>COTTONS – LINENS</b>	
EXTRA HEAVY – Bedspreads, mattress pads, quilts	
HEAVYWEIGHT FABRICS – Towels, jeans, corduroys, work clothes	REG HEAVY HIGH
MEDIUMWEIGHT COTTONS – Sheets, pillowcases, cotton underwear, diapers	
LIGHTWEIGHT COTTONS – Batistes, organdies, lingerie	
<b>PERMANENT PRESS, SYNTHETICS AND BLENDS</b>	
HEAVYWEIGHT FABRICS – Work clothes, jackets, raincoats	PERM'T PRESS MED
MEDIUMWEIGHT FABRICS – Shirts, play clothes, sheets, slacks	
LIGHTWEIGHT FABRICS – Lingerie, blouses, dresses	
<b>KNITS</b>	
HEAVYWEIGHT – Cottons, rayons, blends, T-shirts, slacks, shirts	KNITS GENTLE LOW
LIGHTWEIGHT – Synthetics (polyester, acrylic, etc.) and blends, lingerie, blouses, dresses	
<b>LIGHTWEIGHT AND DELICATE FABRICS</b>	
Sheer Curtains (2 or 3 panels)	KNITS GENTLE LOW
Gauze, lace, etc.	
<b>RUBBER, PLASTIC, HEAT-SENSITIVE FABRICS</b>	
FOAM RUBBER – Pillows, bras, stuffed toys	FLUFF AIR
PLASTIC – Shower curtains, tablecloths	
RUBBER-BACKED RUGS	
OLEFIN, POLYPROPYLENE, SHEER NYLON	
<p><b>Drying these and other heat-sensitive materials can damage them or be a FIRE HAZARD.</b></p> 	

# Operating instructions

## The CUSTOM DRY controls



After touching a FABRIC-TEMP Selector, touch a CUSTOM DRY Control selection that describes the dryness you prefer for your load.



A sensor on the back the dryer drum "feels" the amount of moisture in the load. When the dryness you have selected is reached, the dryer automatically shuts off.

**You may need to try different dryness settings to find the one you like.**

### SUGGESTIONS

- For the first few loads, use NORMAL DRY. When finished, check to see if the load is as dry as you want.
- If the load is not as dry as you like, use MORE DRY or VERY DRY the next time.
- If the load is too dry, use LESS DRY the next time. Use DAMP DRY if you plan to iron the clothes when you remove them from the dryer.
- Use a TIMED DRY setting for bedspreads, quilts, blankets and other bulky loads. Start with 60 minutes.

**IMPORTANT:** If a finished load is not as dry as you like:

1. Clear dryer memory by moving the POWER SWITCH to OFF then back to ON.
2. Touch the FABRIC-TEMP Selector for the load type.
3. Touch the 20 minute TIMED DRY Control.
4. Remember to select a different dryness setting for the next similar load.

## Cool down times

In all cycles, the heat shuts off before the dryer stops tumbling. This cool down time helps:

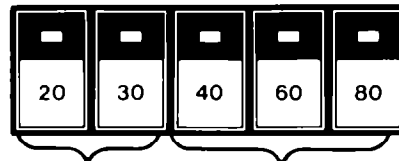
- keep wrinkles from setting in.
- make handling the hot load items easier.

## TIMED DRY Control

After touching a FABRIC-TEMP Selector, touch a TIMED DRY Control setting for any load you want to dry by time. Touch the number or minutes you want: 20, 30, 40, 60, or 80.

This setting is good for very small loads or large, bulky items.

Note the cool down times in each cycle.



Includes 5 minute cool down      Includes 10 minute cool down

**Overdrying can cause shrinkage, static cling and damage to some fabrics.**

**To help reduce wrinkling, take the load from the dryer as soon as tumbling stops. This is very important for permanent press, knits and synthetic fabrics.**

## FINISH GUARD® Control



FINISH GUARD takes over automatically when the cycle is completed.

It tumbles the load, without heat, every 5 minutes for up to 2½ hours. This rearranges and fluffs the load to help prevent wrinkles that set in when a load remains in a warm dryer.

The indicator light will stay on as long as FINISH GUARD is tumbling the load. Remember that **FINISH GUARD is selected automatically every time you use the dryer.**

**To cancel FINISH GUARD:**  
**Touch FINISH GUARD Control Selector at any time during the cycle. The light will go out.**

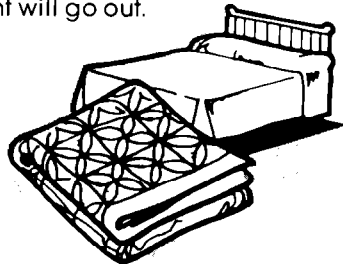
## Drying tips

### FLUFF AIR Setting



FLUFF AIR gives you 20 minutes of tumbling without heat. FINISH GUARD is automatically selected with this cycle.

**If you do not want FINISH GUARD** you must cancel it by touching it. The light will go out.



This setting can be used to fluff bedding, pillows and clothing or to dust drapes. It can also be used to damp-dry heat sensitive items... such as plastic shower curtains, rubber-backed rugs, plastic tablecloths, foam rubber pillows, stuffed toys, sneakers, etc.



**Drying plastic or rubber items with heat may damage the items or be a FIRE HAZARD.**

If you want more than 20 minutes of tumbling, touch the FLUFF AIR and the TIMED DRY Control for the amount of time you want (up to 80 minutes).

### TUMBLE PRESS Control



This setting is useful for removing wrinkles from items packed in suitcases or closets.

TUMBLE PRESS gives you 15 minutes of tumbling at the medium fabric temperature and 5 more minutes of tumbling without heat. **FINISH GUARD is automatically selected with this cycle.**

For best results, TUMBLE PRESS only a few items at a time. Put them on hangers or fold them as soon as the dryer stops.

### Drying times

Drying times will vary depending on:

- amount of moisture in the clothes.
- type and weight of the fabric.
- size of the load.
- room temperature around the dryer.
- temperature of the wash rinse water.
- amount of lint in the lint screen.
- dryer temperature selection.

See page 6 in your "Dryer Guide" for more information.

### Mixed loads

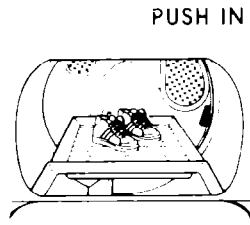
When drying a load with different kinds and weights of fabrics, use the setting suggested for the lightest fabrics.

## Using the drying rack

The drying rack lets you dry items that you may not want to tumble; for example, sneakers, stuffed toys, knitted wool, etc.

The rack does not move, but the drum turns. **Make sure nothing hangs over the edges of the rack.**

1. Fit rear legs of the rack into indents in back wall of dryer.



2. Lower the front so legs rest on dryer opening.

FRONT LEGS

3. Put wet items on top of the rack. **Leave space between them** so air can reach all surfaces.
4. Close the door; touch a TIMED DRY Control selection.

Drying time will depend on how much moisture the items hold. The following chart suggests temperature settings for different kinds of items that might best be rack dried.

To rack dry...	Use FABRIC-TEMP selection ...
<b>Wool sweaters</b> (Block to shape; lay flat on rack).	KNITS GENTLE/LOW
<b>Stuffed toys or pillows</b> (Cotton or polyester fiber filled.)	PERM'T PRESS/MED
<b>Stuffed toys or pillows</b> (Foam rubber filled.)	FLUFF AIR
<b>Sneakers or canvas shoes</b>	FLUFF AIR

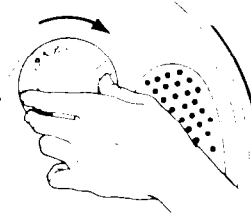
**WARNING: Drying plastic or rubber items with heat may damage the items or be a FIRE HAZARD.**

**Be sure to take the rack out for normal tumble drying.**

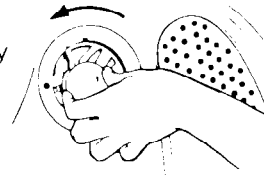
## Changing the drum light

1. Unplug the dryer to avoid possible electrical shock.

2. Open the dryer door and remove light bulb cover by turning it clockwise.



3. Remove the light bulb by turning it counter-clockwise.



4. Replace the bulb only with a 40 watt appliance bulb from most hardware, grocery or variety stores.
5. Replace the light bulb cover and lock it in place by turning counterclockwise.

**CAUTION: The bulb cover must be securely in place during dryer operation to prevent overheating and possible damage to fabrics. Operating the dryer with the bulb cover removed can cause the dryer to fail or create a FIRE HAZARD.**

## End-of-cycle signal

The dryer will beep 5 times to let you know when the cycle is finished. It will also beep after each FINISH GUARD tumbling.

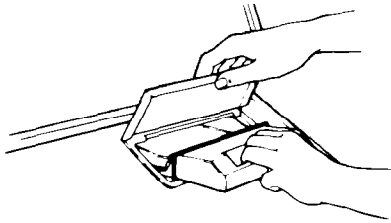
The signal is helpful when you are drying permanent press, synthetics and other items that should be taken out as soon as the dryer stops.

The signal can't be turned off and it is not adjustable.



# Lint screen

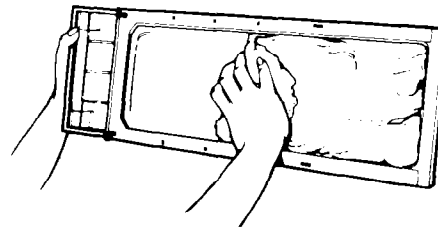
Clean the lint screen before each load. A screen blocked by lint can increase drying time and may be a FIRE HAZARD.



Open the lid and pull the lint screen straight out.



**DO NOT** run the dryer with the lint screen loose, damaged or missing. Doing so can cause overheating, can damage fabrics and can be a **FIRE HAZARD**.



**ROLL** the lint off the screen with your fingers.

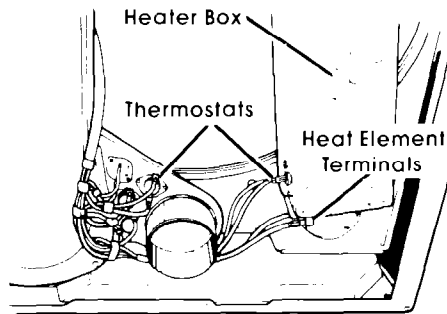
**DO NOT** rinse or wash the screen.

Push the screen firmly back into place.

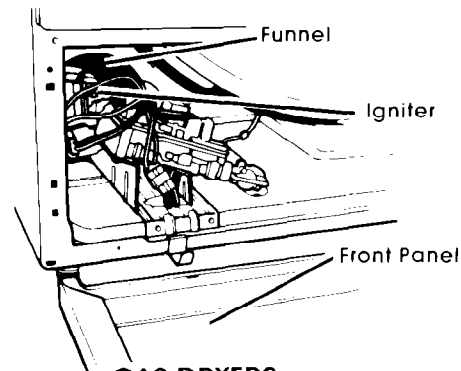
DRYING TIPS • LINT SCREEN • LINT REMOVAL

# Lint removal

Lint can gather inside the dryer and create a fire hazard. **This lint should be removed every 2 to 3 years, or more often, depending on dryer usage.**



**ELECTRIC DRYERS**



**GAS DRYERS**

**Cleaning should be done only by a qualified person.**



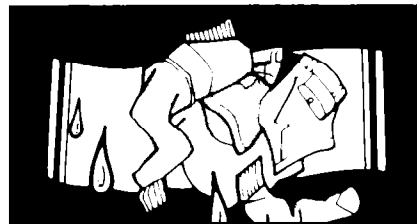
- Avoid electrical shock hazard – unplug power supply cord or turn off electrical power.
- Avoid injury or damage – do not put hands inside cabinet.
- Make sure dryer is cool.

1. Remove back panel (electric) or front panel (gas).
2. Avoid damaging wires, thermostats, funnel or igniter.
3. Remove lint from shaded area – see art – with a soft brush or vacuum cleaner.
4. Replace panel; reconnect and re-level dryer.

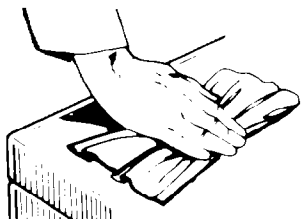
## Caring for your dryer



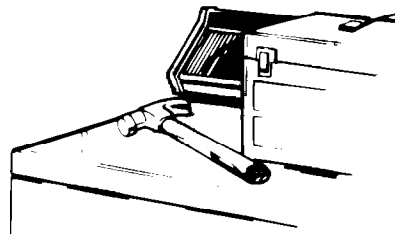
**Remove sharp objects** from clothing before drying – pins, buckles, etc.  
**Close metal zippers.**



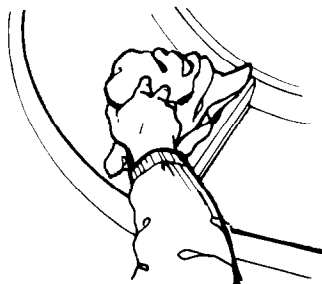
**Never** leave wet or damp laundry in your dryer.



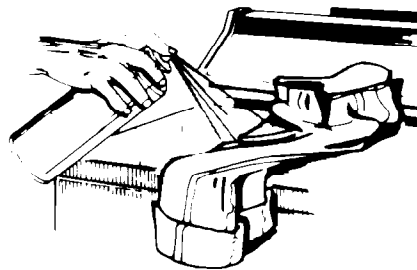
**Wipe off all spills** with a damp, soft cloth. Spills allowed to remain may dull or damage the finish.



**Sharp or heavy objects** should never be put on or in the dryer. Check pockets for bolts, nuts, etc.

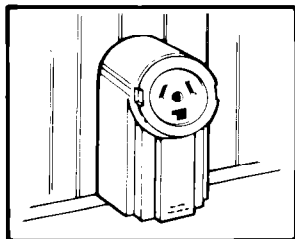


Non-colorfast items can stain the drum. Wipe **carefully** after drying to make sure there is no dye to be transferred to items in the next load.

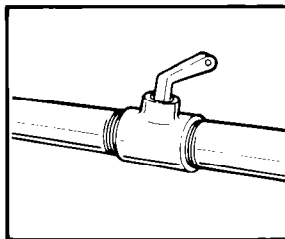


**Some pretreatment products** can damage dials, console and finish. Do not use these products on or near your dryer.

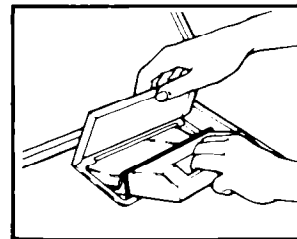
## Vacation care



Disconnect power supply cord.



For gas dryers, close gas valve.



Clean lint screen.

# If you need service or assistance, we suggest you follow these four steps:

## 1. Before calling for assistance... 3. If you need service\*...

Performance problems often result from little things you can find and fix yourself without tools of any kind.

### DRYER DOES NOT RUN:

- Is power supply cord plugged in?
- Is door closed tightly?
- Did you touch the **lower half** of a FABRIC-TEMP Selector?
- Are fuses blown or a circuit-breaker tripped?

### DRYER DOES NOT HEAT:

- The AIR setting is without heat.
- The last minutes of heat settings are without heat.
- Is gas turned on? If not, move POWER SWITCH to OFF. Turn on gas. Wait 5 minutes. Reset controls and start.
- An electric dryer has two fuses, if not a circuit-breaker. If one is blown, the dryer may run, but not heat.

### DRYING TIME SEEMS LONG:

- Is the lint screen clean?
- See page 6 in your "Dryer Guide."

## 2. If you need assistance\*...

Call Whirlpool COOL-LINE® service assistance telephone number. Dial free from:

**Continental U.S. . . (800) 253-1301**  
**Michigan . . . . . (800) 632-2243**  
**Alaska & Hawaii (800) 253-1121**

and talk with one of our trained Consultants. The Consultant can instruct you in how to obtain satisfactory operation from your appliance or, if service is necessary, recommend a qualified service company in your area.



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## 4. If you have a problem\*...

Call our COOL-LINE service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) and talk with one of our Consultants, or if you prefer, write to:

Mr. Guy Turner, Vice President  
Whirlpool Corporation  
Administrative Center  
2000 US-33 North  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

If you must call or write, please provide: model number, serial number, date of purchase, and a complete description of the problem. This information is needed in order to better respond to your request for assistance.

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