

HELP PRESERVE YOUR CLOTHES DRYER AND REDUCE FIRE HAZARDS

When the building was erected in the 1970s, each unit included an en-suite washer and dryer. This required special venting to exhaust hot air and steam to the outside. Each dryer therefore has an exhaust hose that connects the rear exhaust vent on the dryer directly to a duct in the ceiling. To expedite the air flow, a ventilation fan was installed within the ceiling duct work. This fan serves a dual purpose: move hot air from the dryer, and provide an exhaust outlet for the kitchen. The kitchen fan should always be switched on when running the dryer.

The placement of the fan within the duct work requires a filter be placed between the fan and the exhaust from the dryer. This protects the fan motor from lint collecting around the blades. Excess lint can cause the fan motor to overheat, or the lint may collect around the housing effectively forcing dryer exhaust back into the apartment.

Unfortunately the placement of this lint trap is not ideal. It is not visible and, without a step ladder, is very difficult to reach. Removing the trap, once located, is not a simple exercise unless you are at least six foot tall.

The Health and Safety Committee has been approached by several residents with questions as to the location of the trap and how best to keep it cleaned. The following instructions and accompanying pictures are based on an 01 unit. The location of the vent will always be above the washer/dryer section in your kitchen. If you have had renovations made to your kitchen, your construction manager should have provided instructions on how to access the lint trap.

PLEASE NOTE: These instructions are for the lint trap in the building wall, NOT the lint trap within the actual dryer.

LOCATION:



Above the washer/dryer you will find a small two-door cupboard. You may have to access this on a kitchen stool or step ladder. Behind the door located on the back wall you will see a plastic lint cover with a small round knob at the top. It will be held in place by a small rail located on the top and bottom of the trap.

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REMOVAL OF TRAP:



To remove the lint trap lift up on the knob so the base clears the bottom track. Once clear, lower the vent over the bottom rail and the unit will lift out. Depending on the degree of lint build-up, this may be a little messy.

CLEANING:



Depending on the build-up, a majority of the lint will lift off without too much effort. The vent screening should then be vacuumed to remove as much of the remaining lint as possible. Depending on the condition of the lint screen, you might wish to wash the screen with clean water.



If you are using a small hand vacuum cleaner you might also wish to clean the interior of the duct opening, the shelves in the cupboard or, if removed, the top of the dryer.

TO REPLACE LINT TRAP



With the handle on the trap facing the ceiling, place the top of the unit into the upper rail pushing it so that the base clears the bottom rail. Push the plate down into the bottom rail. The unit will now stop any lint and moisture from escaping back into your kitchen.

This procedure should be repeated at least monthly, or more frequently if filter collects excessive lint.

If you require assistance, or can provide assistance, to clean the trap, please see the sign-up sheet in the Management Office.

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