

LAUNDRY HINTS AND SAFETY

- Use different sized baskets or plastic bags to separate clothing. This method can be helpful if you take your clothes to a laundromat.
- Use webbed lingerie bags for undergarments and other fine washables. Lingerie bags are also helpful for keeping socks and other small items together.
- Treat stains as soon as possible. One way to keep track of stains is to place a small rust-proof safety pin in the center of the stain before laundering the garment.
- Use a stick-style pre-treatment on the stain before laundering, which can offer more precise application and control. When applying it to the stain, follow a pattern (such as left to right) and use overlapping strokes.
- Do not use the washer and dryer doors for support. Instead, keep a chair nearby for support and orientation.

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- Measure liquid or powder laundry detergent by using individual measuring cups (1 cup, 1/2 cup, 1/3 cup, 1/4 cup) that nest inside each other. Remember: When adding laundry detergent, less is always better than too much.
- Check the lint filters frequently, since built-up lint can cause fires.
- Place a mat on the floor near the washer and dryer to absorb spilled water.
- If you are a braille reader, you can contact the manufacturer of your washer and dryer and request a braille control panel or overlay for your particular model.
- You can also count the number of clicks your washer and dryer dials make to determine specific settings and/or tactually mark your washing machine and dryer with pieces of tape or specialty marking materials:
 - Can-Do Bumps
 - Orange Tactile Paint
- You can find these specialty marking products in the VisionAWARE online store at www.visionaware.org/product-catalog.

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