



# Natural Gas Clothes Dryers

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## THE NATURAL GAS ADVANTAGE

Natural gas dryers offer consumers clear advantages over electric models. On average, you can dry two loads of clothes in a natural gas dryer for the same cost as drying one load of clothes in an electric dryer. Plus, they are easier on your clothes.

Natural gas clothes dryers operate by moving warm air through the clothes inside. The dry, heated air from a natural gas burner flows through the clothes as the rotating drum tosses them. The moist air coming off the clothes is vented through a lint filter to the outdoors and replaced by more warm air.

### Control Systems

- The automatic termination cycles included in all new natural gas dryers reduce wear and tear on clothing and linens by not over-drying them.
- A moisture-sensing cycle measures moisture left in laundry and provides the most accurate drying results.

### Temperature and Drying Cycles

- Most models have between three and six settings for drying different types of fabrics to the desired level of dryness.
- When a drying cycle is complete, natural gas dryers shut off automatically and the heat stops immediately, making clothes softer and fluffier.
- A permanent press cycle uses cooler air during the last period of drying clothes so clothes will wrinkle less.
- A delicate cycle uses lower temperatures for delicate fabrics.
- An "air fluff" cycle uses no warm air at all and can be used to freshen items that have not been laundered, such as pillows and stuffed toys.

### Capacity

- Natural gas dryers range in size from 24 to 29 inches in width and generally come in three drum sizes: compact, regular/large and extra large.

- Compact dryers require only about five square feet of space. They are typically stacked with a companion clothes washer and are ideal for small laundry rooms. They are also a good choice for consumers who find it difficult to bend over to load or remove laundry from a traditional floor unit.
- Regular or large gas dryers can handle average family loads and usually have a drum volume of 5.5 to 7 cubic feet.
- Extra-large gas dryers are designed to handle very large loads and bulky household items such as comforters. Their drum volume may be up to 8 cubic feet.

### Exhaust Systems

- Both natural gas and electric dryers must vent to the outdoors. Clothes dryers should never be vented into the home because humid air may cause condensation that could damage the structure.
- Dryers may be vented from the side, back or bottom. For the most flexibility, choose a dryer that vents in more than one direction. This allows the dryer to be moved to a different home or location in the future.
- Lint filters should be cleaned after every load. Even a light buildup of lint can lengthen drying time by restricting the flow of damp air to the outdoors.
- Homeowners also should regularly check the outdoor vent. Make sure it opens and closes properly and that lint has not accumulated. An outside dryer vent lid that remains open allows cold drafts to enter the home.

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