

SAVING YOUR DRYER

This medical minute isn't really medical, but I think it's informative and helpful, and could prevent a fire, which if you get burned, then it is preventive medical, sort of...you decide.

Even though your lint filter in your clothes dryer is clean and lint free, it does not mean it is. Here is a tip if you don't want to burn out your dryer's heating unit.



Just for the heck of it, take your lint filter over to the sink and run hot water on it. Does the water run through? Great! Put the filter back in, and we are done here. But, if the water just kind of sits on top of the mesh, then it's because there is a film over it. You can't see the film, but it's there. This film comes from using dryer sheets! You know, those sheets that make your clothes soft, static free, and smell nice. Yep, those. Have you ever noticed that the sheets feel kind of waxy to the touch? This builds up on your clothes and lint screen. This is also the reason you aren't really supposed to use softener or dryer sheets on towels, because it makes them less absorbent.

It's not a bad thing to use these dryer sheets (whew), but to keep your dryer working for a very long time, and to keep your electric bill down and to prevent a possible fire you should wash your filter in hot soapy water with a brush every 6 months. I use an old toothbrush. Simple, easy, and may keep your dryer running twice as long! You're welcome.