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Using Your GreenEarth Dry Cleaning Machine as a Laundry Dryer

In certain cases, such as a natural disaster or other emergency, you may find that you require an increase in laundry drying capacity. For example, maybe you are working through a high volume of wash and fold, comforters and blankets, or bulk linens and tablecloths. With some simple preparation you can use your GreenEarth dry cleaning machine as a laundry dryer on a temporary basis.

Please follow these guidelines before continuing:

1. Ensure that anything that is to be dried has been well-extracted in the washing machine and the pieces are only slightly damp. Do not place items that are dripping wet into the dry cleaning machine.
2. Do not attempt to extract items in the dry cleaning machine prior to drying. This will cause “free water” to enter the machine piping and potentially into the base tanks
3. Ensure that everything to be dried has already been deodorized and smells like fresh laundry before going into the dry cleaning machine. For example, make sure pet odors or body odors are already neutralized in the wash. This will prevent unwelcome odors in your dry cleaning machine

To use your GreenEarth dry cleaning machine as a laundry dryer, follow these steps:

1. First remove the button trap basket and wipe out the inside of the button trap area with a clean towel to remove all traces of lint. Lint will hold moisture and could lead to unpleasant odor later.
2. Remove the Safety Grate or Powder Screen under the button trap, if you have one, and clean it thoroughly before placing it back inside the machine
3. Place the damp garments, which have been freshly laundered and extracted, into the dry cleaning machine wheel / cage.

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4. Run your Dry Only program. The Dry Control sensor can detect both GreenEarth Silicone and water, so it should do a good job of stopping the dry process when the clothing is dry enough.
5. If you feel the clothing could use more of a fresh scent, you can spray some Febreze into the wheel after the Dry cycle has completed and then manually tumble the clothing for five minutes before removing it.

BETWEEN EVERY LAUNDRY DRY CYCLE

1. After each cycle, vacuum the air filters and wipe out any moisture from the button trap
2. After each cycle, drain the Waste Water Decanter completely of water. Watch the Primary Separator and make sure the water level is not getting too high. Manually drain this water if the machine is not doing a good job of discharging it (see photo on last page)

NOTE: Due to the large variance in washing machine extract speeds, if you feel that your washer is not capable of extracting the clothing to a high degree, we suggest that you remove the machine's button trap basket and instead put a sufficiently large bath towel in the bottom of the button trap. It should sit below the drain pipe leading from the machine wheel. Do not put the basket on top of the towel. The towel will adsorb moisture that is running down the drain pipe into the button trap and prevent it from going into the base tanks. This may not be necessary if the clothing has been well-extracted by a commercial washer (such as a Milnor, Ipso, Continental, Unimac, etc).

Before running a normal Dry Cleaning cycle again, be sure to clean the button trap basket and air filters, as well as wiping out the inside of the button trap to remove any lint that has collected.



Primary Separator – Make sure the water is discharging to the Waste Water Decanter after every cycle (some machine will not discharge until you press the Door Open button).

Waste Water Decanter – this will fill quickly, be sure to drain it after every laundry dry cycle.

Is your machine different than the photo above? Call us and we will explain what to do.

As always, if you have any questions, email us at technical@greeneearthcleaning.com

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