



FLASH POINTS

Clothes Dryer Maintenance - October 2020

When we think of fires in general, we very rarely consider a clothes dryer fire. In fact most people don't think twice about their dryer unless it isn't working properly. However, every year several fires are attributed to clothes dryers, and there are some simple precautions to take to ensure you don't fall victim to these types of fires.

The build-up of lint inside and around your dryer is the biggest risk for fire. Most everyone knows to clean out the lint trap, but when is the last time you vacuumed around the drum or other interior areas of the dryer? Most dryer tops can be raised to gain access to hard-to-reach areas, and a vacuum attachment can be used to clean lint from these areas.



When was the last time you inspected your dryer vent? What type of material is your dryer vent made from? Flexible spiral vent tubing should **NEVER** be used. The spiral ridges can increase the amount of lint build-up and cause airflow issues which eventually leads to dryer fires. Rigid vent tubing should be used, with no more than two bends, to maximize the efficiency and maintain proper air flow.

Lastly, always make sure loose items are removed from pockets before drying the clothes, especially metal objects such as hair clips, pens, and coins. Even bra underwire can wiggle through the drum holes and come in contact with heating elements causing an arcing event leading to a fire.

Amazon Recalls Amazon Basics Ceramic Space Heaters Due to Fire and Burn Hazard

This recall involves AmazonBasics 1500 watt ceramic space heaters. The heaters were sold in black and silver colors and the AmazonBasics logo is printed on the front of the units. Amazon received reports of the ceramic heater overheating, burning or sparking resulting damage to the unit and/or power outlets. Customers should immediately stop using the recalled heaters and contact Amazon at amazonspaceheaterrecall@amazon.com or toll-free at 888-280-4331.



Triangle Tube Recalls Gas Boilers Due to Risk of Carbon Monoxide Hazard

This recall involves 22 models of Prestige Solo and Prestige Excellence condensing gas boilers manufactures between November 2011 and October 2019 for residential and light commercial use. These wall-hung condensing gas boilers are housed in a white metal box. Flue gas can escape from the gas boiler if the vent adapter is not securely attached posing a carbon monoxide hazard. Consumers with recalled boilers should immediately contact Triangle Tube to schedule a free repair at 1-877-574-5036 or online at www.triangletube.com.



Miles Industries Recalls Gas Fireplaces Due to Burn and Laceration Hazards

This recall involves two models of Valor H5 propane gas fireplaces due to a delayed ignition resulting from a pilot degradation which can cause the gas in the fireplace to accumulate prior to burner ignition. When the ignition takes place it can cause the glass widow to shatter, posing burn and laceration hazards. Customers should immediately stop using the recalled fireplace and contact Miles Industries at 866-420-3360 or email at H5@valorfireplaces.com for repair remedy.

