

Hints For The Home

Smart Storage Suggestions For Your Clothes



Keep your warm-weather clothing bright through the winter and your cold-weather clothing cozy throughout the summer with proper fabric care.

(NAPSA)—When the seasons change, there are a few important steps you can take to protect your clothes and save yourself time, trouble and money.

Try these tricks:

- Make sure clothing is washed and free from stains before you store it. Stains can suddenly appear months later if the fabric is not clean when put away.

- Use cold water for rinsing whenever possible.

- If the care label recommends dry-cleaning that favorite sweater, take it to the dry cleaner before storing. Not all wool has to be dry-cleaned, however. If the label says “hand wash,” you can use your washing machine’s “hand wash” or “wool” cycle with cool water. Easy-care wool knits can be cleaned on the “wool” or “gentle” cycle of your washer with warm water. When the cycle is finished, dry the clothes on a flat surface away from direct heat or sunlight.

- When drying clothes, sort by fabric types. Drying similar fabrics together reduces drying times and ensures even drying.

- Don’t waste leftover heat. Try to get the second washload into the dryer while it’s still warm

from the first to shorten drying time and save energy.

- Don’t overfill the dryer. Air circulation is important for proper drying. Overloaded dryers may have to be run more than once—wasting energy, time and money.

- Clean the lint filter before each dryer cycle to maintain proper air circulation and to speed up the drying process.

- Before storing your clothes, make sure they’re completely dry.

- Don’t store too many in too small a spot. Clothes need room to breathe while in storage.

- Fold and stack knits loosely; do not hang them.

- Instead of using garment bags, use clean storage boxes or even a suitcase.

Keep this advice from the experts at Whirlpool Corporation’s Institute of Home Science in mind when you put your clothes away and you may find it’s almost like getting a whole new wardrobe of fresh, clean clothes when you take them out again the next time the seasons change.

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