

HELPFUL HINTS

A Tune-Up For Your High-Efficiency Washing Machine

(NAPSA)—Much like a car needs an oil change, high-efficiency (HE) washing machines need regular maintenance to ensure maximum performance. This means regular cleaning and using specially formulated detergents for your machine's needs. HE washing machines, which have been a fast-growing trend, especially need some tender loving care in order to provide maximum cleaning.

While HE washers offer consumers unmatched capacity, energy efficiency and increased functionality, the efficient design makes them prone to residue buildup and potential odor issues. Traditional detergents, body oils, grime, soap and water can cause residue and mold and mildew stains to accumulate behind the drum of the washer.

Some HE washing machine owners have looked to chemistry for the answer, cleaning these mold and mildew stains with everything from bleach to vinegar. While these and other products can adequately maintain the washer, results may vary and are not always consistent. These solutions tend to eliminate odors, but are unable to completely remove the residues that can cause this odor.

So what's a HE washer user to do? The Whirlpool Institute of Fabric Science (www.instituteoffabricscience.org) suggests using the new-to-the-market Affresh™



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washer cleaner once a month. Specifically designed for HE machines, Affresh tablets help remove and prevent odor-causing residue buildup in all brands of washers.

The Institute of Fabric Science also recommends the following quick tips for maintaining and cleaning your HE machine:

1. Use HE detergent every time you wash your clothes.
2. Measure the detergent to the appropriate level for each wash.
3. Leave the door open when you are finished washing to allow for air to circulate.

Consumers can visit www.affresh.com to learn more.