

Washing Machine Cleaning and Maintenance

- I. Preparatory
 - a. Make sure unit is level and stable (no rocking)
 - b. Make sure cold and hot water feeds are hooked up correctly
 - c. Drain hose at least 30" high
 - d. End of drain hose must not extend more than 11" into drainpipe
 - e. Remove shipping bolts before use (new installations)

- II. Preventative
 - a. Top loader
 - i. Use only the recommended type of detergent
 - ii. Do not use more than the washer manufacturers amount of detergent
 - iii. Fabric softener should be diluted and used sparingly.
 - iv. Leave the lid up between washes if the unit is in a garage or outside

 - b. Front Loader
 - i. Use only the recommended type of detergent
 - ii. Do not use more than the washer manufacturers amount of detergent
 - iii. Fabric softener should be diluted and used sparingly.
 - iv. Leave the door open between washings
 - v. Empty residual water from the dispenser after washing

- III. Maintenance
 - a. Top Loader
 - i. Start hot wash cycle (no detergent)
 - ii. Once the tub fills, add 4 cups of chlorine bleach and allow cycle to complete
 - iii. Run a rinse/spin to remove any leftover bleach
 - iv. Start a hot wash cycle (no detergent)
 - v. Once the tub fills, add 4 cups white (only) vinegar and allow cycle to complete
 - vi. Run a rinse/spin to remove any leftover vinegar

 - b. Front Loader
 - i. Start hot wash cycle (no detergent)
 - ii. Once the tub fills, add 2 cups of chlorine bleach and allow cycle to complete
 - iii. Run a rinse/spin to remove any leftover bleach
 - iv. Start a hot wash cycle (no detergent)
 - v. Once the tub fills, add 2 cups white (only) vinegar and allow cycle to complete
 - vi. Run a rinse/spin to remove any leftover vinegar
 - vii. Apply vinegar (full strength) to rubber seal. Let sit for 2 – 4 hours then scrub off mold with a vinegar-soaked cloth. Do not use bleach as it will discolor the seal.