

Laundry Room Checklist

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- Laundry Room Design
 - Choose your washer and dryer before the plans are completed for your home.
 - Purchase a high-efficiency washing machine and reduce water and energy usage up to 50 percent.
 - Know the size of your machines - your cabinet designer needs to make sure the washer is on the correct side.
 - Purchase a longer cord or longer hoses that allow you to better arrange your appliances.
 - Place a built-in wastebasket next to the dryer.
 - Keep in mind whether you are left or right-handed when determining the location for the built-in ironing board.
 - Consider an open area under the countertop to accommodate either a dog crate or a litter box.
 - Use tall cabinet for hanging clothing and/or storage of the ironing board, mop, broom, or vacuum.
 - Use open portion in bottom of upper cabinet above washing machine for handy access to detergent, fabric softener, etc.
 - Use long hanging space for hanging up clothing as it is removed from the dryer.
 - Use short hanging space above the laundry tub for drip drying of bathing suits, bras, etc.
 - Plan to install a folding hanger.
 - Install a table or countertop in your laundry room on which to fold clothes
 - Have more than one bin to organize your laundry by color and cycle.
 - Install a utility sink in your laundry room for hand-washing delicate items.
 - Add ample lighting.
 - Hang wire shelving on concrete walls.