

Venting, wiring, and/or piping of dryers must follow all fire and building codes. An installation/Alteration permit must be submitted and approved before any dryer hook ups are installed or altered. For all existing dryers/dryer vents, you will be required to convert your dryer venting material to comply with the policy.

All dryers must be vented to the outside and venting material must be rigid metal. The venting material must be U.L. listed and approved for use as Dryer Transition Duct. Plastic and flexible venting materials will not be acceptable.

Dryer vents must be thoroughly cleaned once per year to prevent fire and other potential hazards. Cleaning the dryer lint trap helps but lint and debris get past the screen and can build up in the venting and become a fire hazard. In the case of gas dryers, lint buildup can also cause a buildup of carbon monoxide.

The following are warning signs your dryer vent is plugged.

Excessive Lint

Do you have lint on your clothing, behind your dryer, or in the door seal? Excessive lint can be a warning sign that your dryer vents need to be cleaned.

Overheating/Shutting Off

Clogged dryer vents can lead to your dryer overworking and overheating. To prevent fires, your dryer may be warning you by shutting down.

Long Drying Times

Restricted air flow causes trapped moisture in your dryer, resulting in longer drying times. This is a warning sign that your dryer vents could be obstructed.

If you experience any of the above warning signs, you should immediately discontinue using the dryer until you have inspected the dryer vent for any obstructions.