

Laundry 101

Doing your laundry is already a chore. So let us help you make it as easy as possible. Follow the three simple steps below for the best laundry care results.

Step 1: Sort and Pre-Treat



First, sort clothes by color, wash temperature and fabric type. Always consult the fabric label for specific washing instructions.

It is recommended that you separate your laundry as follows:

- Dark fabrics from white and light-colored fabrics
- Lightly soiled clothes from heavily soiled garments such as work clothes
- Fabrics by water temperature (hot-warm-cold)
- Fabrics that will shed lint on other fabrics (terry cloth, corduroy, etc.)
- Lingerie, hose and delicate fabrics that should be washed in a mesh bag
- Clothes that may have fugitive color and bleed onto others

While you are sorting, check for stains. If you find a stain, pre-treat with a stain remover, such as **Zout® Laundry Stain Remover**.

More Handy Tips:

Before you wash garments, take these precautions first:

- Button buttons, hook bras, zip zippers
- Tie sashes, cords, straps etc., to prevent tangling
- Check pockets for coins, tissues, pens, etc.
- Remove anything on the garment that cannot be washed
- Repair tears so they don't become larger while agitating

Step 2: Wash



Set the load size, wash and rinse temperature dials on your washer. Allow the washer to fill with water before adding a detergent, such as **Purex® Ultra Concentrate**, and any laundry additives such as **Purex® 2 Color Safe Bleach** which is tough on stains but gentle on colors.

Add your clothes last. Be sure not to overload your washing machine. Leaving space for your clothing and detergent to move freely in the machine ensures that stains and soil will be released and removed from your garments.

Also, don't forget to add fabric softer, such as **Purex Soft® Fabric Softener**, to every wash load's rinse cycle. Clothes will feel soft and smell wonderfully fresh.

Special Care Garments

Baby clothes and baby linens should be laundered separately using a detergent that's safe for sensitive skin, such as **Purex Baby®** detergent.

Delicates can be hand-washed separately with a combination of a laundry booster — such as **20 Mule Team® Borax** — and detergent, or washed in a separate garment bag specially designed for delicates in your regular wash.

Step 3: Dry



For best results, remove clothes from the washing machine and dry garments as soon as the wash cycle has completed. Read the label on each garment carefully and follow recommended drying procedures.