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SAFETY ALERT

Clothes Dryer Appliance & Venting Maintenance

Notice to owners, occupants, and maintenance personnel:

A dryer and the attached vent system requires regular cleaning and maintenance, just like your furnace or other fuel burning equipment. Lack of regular cleaning and maintenance of dryers and their attached venting systems, has been identified as causing fires.

Although lack of service can result in a fire hazard, improper dryer venting also poses a carbon monoxide risk on gas supplied dryers. The dryer vent system removes in addition to moisture, the gas by-products from your appliance to the outdoors.

When a dryer/venting system is clogged with lint, air flow is restricted, your dryer then has to work harder which leads to overheating. As the dryer ducts remove lint and moisture from clothes, not all of the lint is captured by the screen or makes it to the outdoors; this builds up on the sides of the vent system and eventually dries to a hard material. This material attracts more lint, where it eventually creates a restriction that leads to overheating, potentially resulting in a fire.

It is recommended that dryers and all fuel burning appliances are maintained or serviced on a minimum of an annual basis, or as per the Certified Appliance instructions by a Licensed, Qualified Gas Contractor. To find a local contractor in your area please visit our website at: www.safetyauthority.ca

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