

# BUYING GUIDE

## WASHERS & DRYERS

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Maytag has the tools and information you need to make the best buying decision. Just follow these four easy steps.

### When You're Ready to Shop

Fill out the shopping checklist as a reminder of what you learn here.



## 1. KNOW WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU

### GETTING STARTED

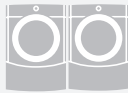


Knowing what kind of laundry pair you want will help you narrow down the sea of in-store options to machines that best meet your fabric care needs.

#### Laundry Pairs:

There are three basic washer types – each with its own corresponding dryer. When comparing the benefits and usage requirements of each pair, also take note of capacity and layout. These things will determine what type is best for your home.

#### CONSIDER THESE THINGS:

- Will you wash large loads or bulky items often?
- Where do you plan to install your washer and dryer?
- Do you plan to arrange your laundry pair side-by-side or stacked?
- Do you have any special fabric treatment needs?

LAUNDRY PAIRS	 High Efficiency Front-Load	 High Efficiency Top-Load	 Traditional Top-Load
<b>WASHER BENEFITS</b>	Offers optimal washing performance. Uses less water and energy than top-loaders, and safely washes delicate fabrics or bulky items.	No agitator – moves clothes through water with wash plate. Uses less water and energy than traditional top-loaders.	These classic models are good value. They offer a wide range of sizes, features and prices.
<b>DRYER BENEFITS</b>	When used in conjunction with the HE front-load washer, drying times are shortened.	Some companion dryers have steam cycles that remove odors and wrinkles.	These basic dryers offer adjustable temperature settings and multiple cycle options.
<b>CAPACITY</b>	Larger front-load models generally offer more capacity than most top-loaders.	Special wash plate creates room in wash basket for bulky items like comforters.	Comes in wide range of capacities.
<b>LAYOUT</b>	Can be arranged side-by-side or stacked.	Side-by-side arrangement only.	Side-by-side arrangement only.
<b>USAGE REQUIREMENTS</b>	Low-sudsing High Efficiency detergent is needed. Periodically clean washtub as directed to keep it fresh.	Low-sudsing High Efficiency detergent is needed. Steam dryers must connect to water line.	Generally none.

### A Note About Dryers:

There are two dryer types – gas and electric. Similar models look and perform the same, but differ in how they are set up. Your decision between the two will depend on where you will connect your new dryer:



**Gas** – needs an approved gas line with shut-off valve



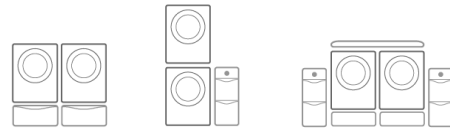
**Electric** – needs a three-prong outlet with 30 amp circuit

## 2. KNOW WHAT YOU LIKE COLOR OPTIONS AND ACCESSORIES

New convenience accessories allow you to enhance the functionality of your laundry area. Or, if your new machines are within view of your living space, consider selecting a color to complement your home décor.

### Color:

In addition to white and black, many models offer a range of designer colors.



### Accessories:

- Towers – store detergents and supplies.
- Pedestals – raise your front-load washer and dryer to an ideal ergonomic height while adding space to store detergent and supplies
- Worksurfaces – create a place for items to be pre-treated or folded atop your front-load washer and dryer
- Stack Kit – stack your front-load washer and dryer for easy access

## 3. KNOW WHAT COUNTS WHAT ARE YOU PAYING FOR?

Here are a few of the features that will contribute to the cost of your new laundry pair:

### Washer:

- High Efficiency
- Super Capacity Sizes
- Water Level & Balance Sensors
- Steam Cycles

### Dryer:

- Noise Reduction Packages
- Wrinkle Reduction Options
- Moisture-Sensing Cycles
- Steam Cycles


An average family will use their laundry pair multiple times a week, but the cost of use is something that many people forget to consider. Older laundry pairs may require more water and energy, meaning an energy efficient one may actually save you money over its lifespan!

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Standard washers use 40 gallons of water while many ENERGY STAR® qualified washers use less than half that amount.\*
- Washers and dryers made before 1999 may not meet current Department of Energy usage guidelines.

\*Sourced from: <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/laundry.html>

### LOOK TO SAVE MONEY IN THE LONG HAUL WITH:

- o High Efficiency washers that use less water and energy.
- o Dryers with moisture sensors to shorten drying times and extend the life of your clothes.
- o  An ENERGY STAR® qualified model. These units are 25% more efficient and reduce usage costs.
- o An extended warranty. Most models come with a 1-year warranty.

## 4. KNOW YOUR DIMENSIONS MEASURE NOW, NOT LATER

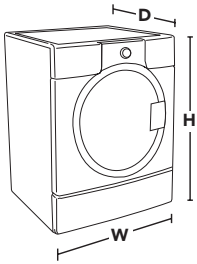
No one wants to bring home a washer that won't fit where it belongs or a gas dryer that can't be connected. Make sure you take the following steps to ensure your purchase process goes smoothly.

### Do It Yourself:

- **Decide where you will install** your new washer and dryer.

*You will need:*

- A level floor with no more than a 1" slope
  - A location that can support the installation of a dryer exhaust system
  - Hot and cold water lines within 3' of washer hookups
- **Measure the height, width & depth** of the area designated for your new washer and dryer.



*Here's how to measure:*

- W:** side to side (add 1" on each side for air circulation)
- D:** back to front (add at least 6" to depth for door clearance, dryer vents, and hookups)
- H:** top to bottom (for top-loading washers, add at least 20" for door clearance)

- **Measure the clearance** of doorways, hallways and other points of entry that will be used to deliver your new laundry pair.

### PHONE IT IN:

The following tasks should not be attempted without the help of an appropriate professional if you lack the experience or tools to do it alone.

- **Confirm that electrical output is sufficient** for the location of your new washer and dryer.

*You will need:*

- A grounded electrical outlet within 4' of the rear of both machines (no extension cord or adaptor)
- A separate designated 30-amp circuit

- **Set water heater to 120° for washer.**

- **Contact licensed gas or heating professional** if you plan on purchasing a gas dryer.

*Your home should have:*

- A CST International approved gas supply line
- A shut-off valve

- **Decide how you will dispose** of your old laundry pair, if necessary.

- Some retailers offer removal of your old machines when your new ones are delivered
- Washers and dryers in good condition may be donated to a local charity