

DRYER BUYING GUIDE

A step-by-step guide to find the right dryer for your home

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Dryers Overview



The dryer is the orphan of the laundry pair. The washer will dictate the purchase over 90% of the time, and in stackable applications 100% of buyers will stick to the same brand. Dryers, after years of stagnation, now have new features and styling.

The most important part of the dryer is proper venting.

Dryers

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WHAT'S NEW

New trends in clothes drying

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What's New Heat Pump Dryers



Heat pump dryers will be the standard in the next 5 years because they are 50% more efficient and offer \$150 savings over regular vented dryers. They reheat the air in the dryer to turn the moist air into water.

Presently, Whirlpool, Blomberg and LG offer heat pump dryers in the US. Miele and Electrolux offer heat pumps in Europe.



Heat Pump Dryers



Benefits of a Heat Pump Dryer

- **Flexibility** – Builders and designers can place dryers nearly anywhere in the home
- **Energy Efficient** – Energy Star qualified and most efficient in their class
- **Compact Size** – Designed with small spaces in mind, its compact size can fit in any home
- **It Doesn't Project Heat Into The Room** - Heat pumps do not use outside air



What's New

Heat Pump Dryers



New Miele 110-Volt Dryer

Miele has revolutionized dryers by offering the first highly energy efficient 110-volt heat pump dryer. This voltage is not usually enough to dry clothes but Miele has a high RPM spin speed in the washer to predry your clothes.

The heat pump will also dry more efficiently than regular dryer elements.



DRYER MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures proper operation and safety

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Dryer Maintenance



Dryer fires are a real problem in this country. 15,500 annual dryer fires cause 10 deaths, 310 injuries and \$84.4 million in damages.

The problem is not the machine, but the venting. Cleaning your vent is the best way to reduce overheating and fires.

How to Prevent Dryer Fires

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Dryer Maintenance



Keep your dryer clean

Clean your filter after every load and behind the dryer 2-3 times a year



Use metal duct

Replace plastic or cloth duct as they can become flammable when combined with lint

Clean the duct work

Clean the duct every year and check the wall cap to insure vegetation, bees or birds haven't blocked the exit



Clean the electronic sensor

The sensor regulates drying time. It turns down the heat when a certain degree of moisture is achieved

Use fabric softener

Manufacturers no longer recommend drying sheets as they can affect the drying sensor



Don't dry anything flammable

While this may seem obvious, don't dry anything flammable like clothing with gas residue, etc.

If you have a condensation dryer (non-vented dryer), pull out the condenser coils once a month and clean off any lint buildup. This will keep your dryer running efficiently.



FEATURES

We discuss common features available in dryers

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Features
Capacity
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Compact Dryer

The average capacity of a 24" compact dryer is 4.0 cu. ft.



Traditional Dryer

The average capacity of a traditional dryer is 7.3 cu. ft.



Super Capacity Dryer

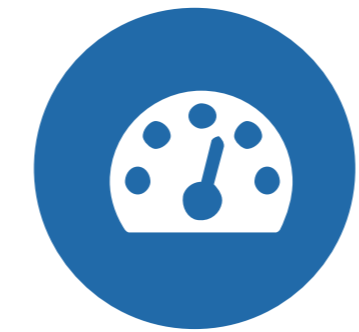
The average capacity of a super capacity dryer ranges from 7-8 cu. ft.

Features
Cycles
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Electronic Dry

Senses the moisture in the clothes and dries accordingly. Most higher-end dryers now feature electronic dry as it saves time and energy while not shrinking or over-drying your clothes.



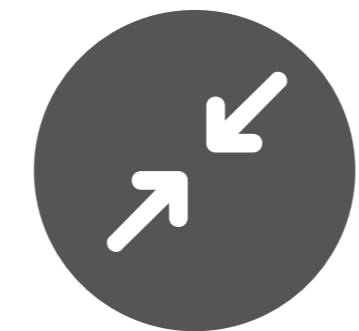
Automatic Dry

As the clothes become dryer, and therefore lighter, the dryer will turn down the heat in this cycle.



Time Dry

Turn on the cycle for temperature and time and that is what you have with no variance for load size.



Press Dry

A cool-down after the cycle has been completed so the clothes will not wrinkle.




Features

Steam



Steam opens up the pores of the fabric, allowing it to expand, reducing wrinkles.

Most manufacturers inject steam through ports on the top of the dryer.



Is a Steam Dryer Worth It?



The Top Rated Steam Dryers



Features

Condenser Dryer



Ventless drying. Dryer turns the heat and steam into water.

Condenser drying is a great option for people that can't vent outside or for small homes where you can save space by placing laundry in a closet or kitchen.

You can now place your laundry anywhere in your home, with no restrictions, as long as there is 220V power and water.

 **What is a Condenser Dryer?**

Heat Pump Vs. Condenser Dryers



	<i>Regular Vented Dryer</i>	<i>Condensing Dryer</i>	<i>Heat Pump Dryer (not hybrid)</i>
<i>Cycle Time</i>	Best (60'*)	Better (75'*)	Good (105'*)
<i>Energy Efficiency</i>	Good/Better (CEF - 3.27)	Good/Better (CEF - 2.65)	Best (CEF - 3.71)
<i>Fabric Care</i>	Better (150F*)	Good (177.5F*)	Best (130F*)
<i>Cost of installation</i>	Good	Best	Best
<i>Closet temperature</i>	Best (78F*)	Good (123F*)	Better (92F*)
<i>Humidity in the room</i>	Best	Good	Good

Heat Pump Dryers

- Compressor
- Ventless
- Recycles Air
- Does Not Project Heat
- Save \$75-150

Condenser Dryers

- Condenser Dryers
- Heating Elements
- Ventless
- Uses Outside Air
- Projects Heat



INSTALLATION TYPES

How you install your laundry can determine which options are available

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SIDE-BY-SIDE – NO PEDESTALS

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SIDE-BY-SIDE – With pedestal adds 7-27 inches in height

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COMPACT LAUNDRY – VENTED OR NON VENTED

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STACKED – CAN'T USE PEDESTALS

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COMBO WASHER / DRYER

It's a great idea. You place your clothes into the washer and they are washed and dried without being transferred. However, it takes a while because the dryer is only 110V. This machine is also prone to more service issues as well. We advise buying two separate machines.

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HOW TO BUY

How to choose the right dryer for your home

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How to Buy



For replacement dryers, the industry always talked about super capacity. However, even a basic dryer is much larger than a washer. A base feature dryer is more than adequate.

Electronic drying will turn the heat, saving energy and preserving fabrics.

For front loaders, we recommend buying the same brand as the washer for rebate opportunities. The same brand will be much easier to stack properly as well.

Consider the steam option for refreshing and removing wrinkles. After steam, the main differences are added cycles and customizable programs.

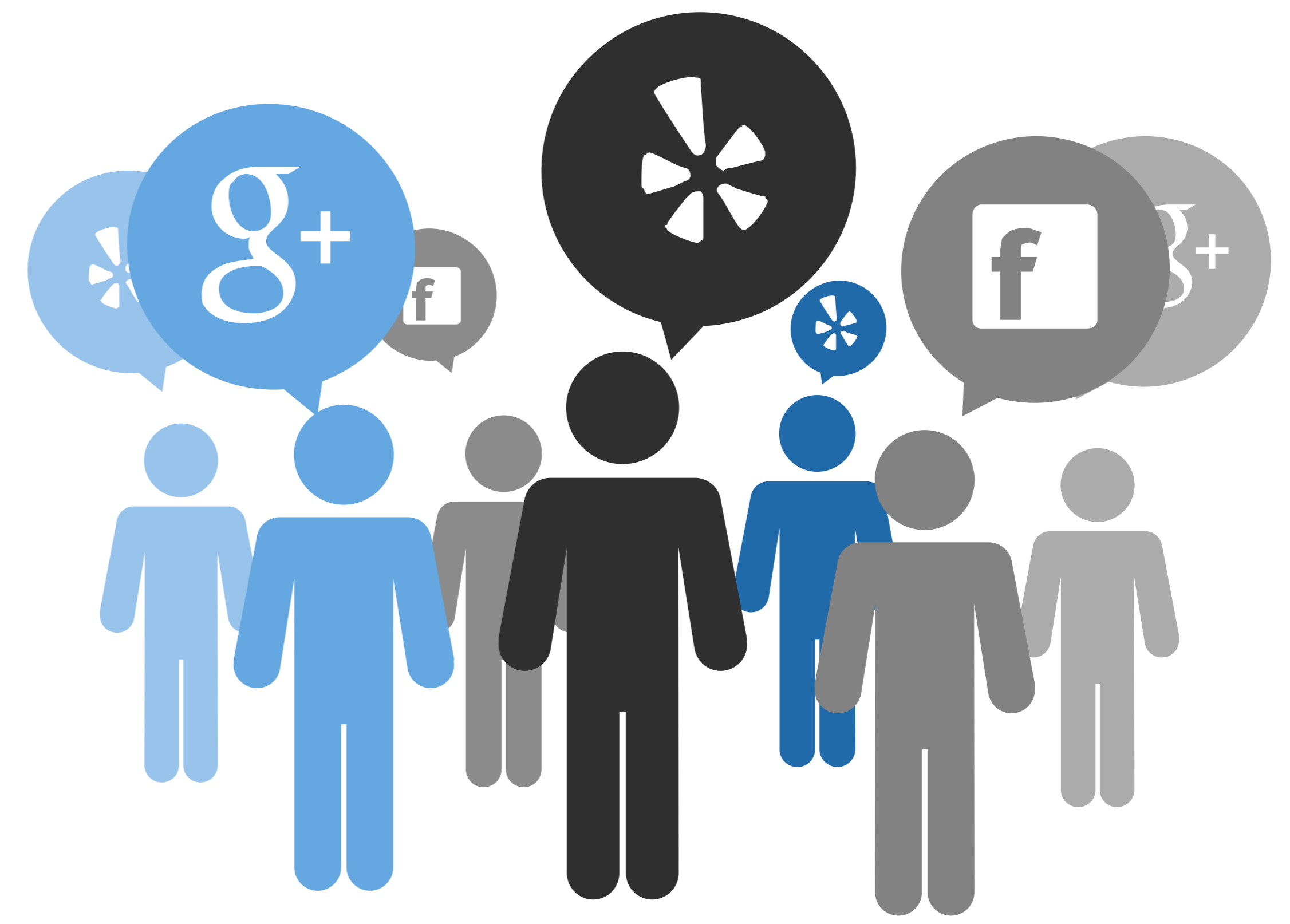
Check your dimensions. Many of the newer dryers are deeper and may not fit into your current space.

How to Buy Wisdom of Crowds

Buy where you're comfortable

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