



Hints For The Home

Lighten The Load In The Laundry Room



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(NAPSA)—The average American family washes eight to 10 loads of laundry each week, states the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. Most people would agree that laundry seems to be a never-ending chore. However, with an organized and well-designed laundry room, it's almost effortless to launder even the largest loads. You may spend less time cleaning up life's little messes with these helpful tips:

- Make separating light, dark and hand-wash clothing a simple task by sorting the items into specific hampers. Even the kids can help divide and conquer dirty clothing.

- Place a small bowl by the washing machine to collect buttons, receipts, pens, change and other forgotten items.

- Create extra storage space near the washer and dryer with a do-it-yourself laminate system such as ClosetMaid® Dimensions®.

The durable system can store freshly folded towels and stacks of clothes until they're put in their proper place.

- Use shelves at arm level to store detergent, dryer sheets, stain removers and fabric softener, while cabinet doors can neatly hide the iron, lint brush and sewing kit.

- Designate a well-lit space for folding, mending and repairing clothes. It will help shed some light on those pesky stains and almost-invisible holes.

- Position a portable or wall-mounted ironing board so it's easily accessible for quick ironing touch-ups.

- Corral the family's socks and other delicacies in a collection of fabric drawers. Assign a different colored bin to each family member for easy distinction.

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