

User Manual Whirlpool WET4027EW1 Laundry Center

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Using Less Water and Energy

This washer is designed to use less water and energy, and complies with all 2015 energy standards. Wash cycles with controlled temperatures are designed to maintain cleaning performance while using less water and energy compared to older traditional washers. As a result, water levels will be lower, and hot and warm wash temperatures may not be as warm as you are used to.

Check Your Vent System for Good Airflow

Good airflow

Along with heat, dryers require good airflow to efficiently dry laundry. Proper venting will reduce your drying times and improve your energy savings. See Installation Instructions.

The venting system attached to the dryer plays a big role in good airflow.

Service calls caused by improper venting are not covered by the warranty and will be paid by the customer, regardless of who installed the dryer.

Maintain good airflow:

- Clean your lint screen before each load.

- Replace plastic or foil vent material with 4" (102 mm) diameter heavy, rigid vent material.
- Use the shortest length of vent possible.
- Use no more than four 90° elbows in a vent system; each bend and curve reduces airflow.
- Remove lint and debris from the exhaust hood.
- Remove lint from the entire length of the vent system at least every 2 years. When cleaning is complete, be sure to follow the Installation Instructions supplied with your dryer for final product check.
- Clear away items from the front of the dryer.

Use Automatic cycles for better fabric care and energy savings

Use the Automatic Dry cycles to provide the most energy savings and enhanced fabric care from the dryer. During Automatic Dry cycles, drying air temperature or moisture level are sensed in the load. This sensing occurs throughout the drying cycle, and the dryer shuts off when the load reaches the selected dryness. The Energy Preferred cycle will provide optimal energy savings.

With Timed Drying, the dryer runs the amount of time set and sometimes results in shrinkage, wrinkling, and static due to overdrying. Use Timed Drying for the occasional damp load that needs a little more drying time or when using the drying rack.

Control Panel and Features

Washer

1. WASH CYCLE KNOB

Use the Wash Cycle knob to select available cycles on your washer. Turn the knob to select a cycle for your laundry load. See "Washer Cycle Guide" for detailed descriptions of cycles.

2. WASH TEMP

You may select a Wash Temperature based on the type of fabric and soils being washed. Use the warmest wash water safe for the fabric. Follow garment label instructions.

3. SOIL LEVEL

Select the most suitable setting (Light, Medium, or Heavy) for your load.

4. DEEP WATER WASH (on 27" models)

Select this option for bulky loads such as sheets or bedding.

Dryer

5. PUSH TO START KNOB/END OF CYCLE SIGNAL

On 24" models, press the PUSH TO START knob to start the dryer.

On 27" models, the PUSH TO START knob is used both to start the dryer and to select End of Cycle Signal. The End of Cycle Signal produces an audible sound when the drying cycle is finished. Promptly removing clothes at the end of the cycle reduces wrinkling. Turn the END OF CYCLE SIGNAL knob to select the desired setting (On or Off). Press the PUSH TO START knob to start the dryer.

6. DRYER CYCLE KNOB

Use your Dryer Cycle knob to select available cycles on your dryer. Turn the knob to select a cycle for your laundry load. See "Dryer Cycle Guide" for detailed descriptions of cycles.

- TIMED DRYING

Will run the dryer for the specified time on the control. Drying time and temperature will depend on your dryer model.

- AUTOMATIC DRY

Senses moisture in the load or air temperature and shuts off when the load reaches the selected dryness level. Gives the best drying in the shortest time. Drying time will vary based on fabric type, load size, and dryness setting.

Washer Cycle Guide

Not all cycles or options are available on all models. Refer to the cycle control knob on your washer. Wash temperatures are selected using the Wash Temp knob.

For best performance:

- Choose the cycle that best fits the load being washed.
- Use Prewash or Soak for heavily soiled clothing.
- Do not leave the washer lid open unattended once the washer has started to fill.

27" Models

- You should use the amount of detergent or presoak additive recommended by the manufacturer. After the cycle ends, you may add detergent and start a new wash cycle.

* Approximate time in minutes.

IMPORTANT: Do not presoak items in your washer by lifting the lid or stopping the cycle. Failure to follow this instruction can result in property damage. If needed, presoak items in a small wash basin prior to loading the washer.

24" Models

- You should use the amount of detergent or presoak additive recommended by the manufacturer. After the cycle ends, you may add detergent and start a new wash cycle.

* Approximate time in minutes.

IMPORTANT: Do not presoak items in your washer by lifting the lid or stopping the cycle. Failure to follow this instruction can result in property damage. If needed, presoak items in a small wash basin prior to loading the washer.

Dryer Cycle Guide — Automatic Dry Cycles

Not all cycles and settings are available on all models.

AUTOMATIC DRY – Automatic cycles give the best drying in the shortest time. They sense moisture in the load or air temperature and shut off when the load reaches the selected dryness level. Drying time varies based on fabric type, load size, and dryness setting.

Select a drying temperature based on the fabrics in your load. If you are unsure of the temperature to select for a load, select the lower setting rather than the higher setting.

NOTE: If loads do not seem as dry as you would like, select Very Dry next time you dry a similar load. If loads seem drier than you like, select Less Dry next time you dry a similar load.

Using Your Washer

1. Sort and prepare your laundry

- Empty pockets. Loose change, buttons, or any small object can pass under the agitator and become trapped, causing unexpected sounds.
- Sort items by recommended cycle, water temperature, and colorfastness.
- Separate heavily soiled items from lightly soiled.
- Separate delicate items from sturdy fabrics.
- Do not dry garments if stains remain after washing, because heat can set stains into fabric.
- Treat stains promptly.
- Close zippers, fasten hooks, tie strings and sashes, and remove non-washable trim and ornaments.
- Mend rips and tears to avoid further damage to items during washing.

Helpful Tips:

- When washing waterproof or water-resistant items, load evenly.
- Use mesh garment bags to help avoid tangling when washing delicate or small items.
- Turn knits inside out to avoid pilling. Separate lint-takers from lint-givers. Synthetics, knits, and corduroy fabrics will pick up lint from towels, rugs, and chenille fabrics.

NOTE: Always read and follow fabric care label instructions to avoid damage to your garments.

2. Add laundry products

Add a measured amount of detergent or single-dose laundry packet into the basket before adding clothes. If using Oxi-type boosters, color-safe bleach, or fabric softener crystals, add to the bottom of the washer basket as well.

IMPORTANT: Follow the manufacturer's instructions to determine the amount of laundry products to use.

3. Load laundry into washer

Load garments in loose heaps evenly around basket wall. For best results, do not pack the load tightly. Do not wrap large items such as sheets around the agitator; load them in loose piles around the sides of the basket. Try mixing different sized items to reduce tangling.

4. Add liquid chlorine bleach to dispenser (on 27" models)

Do not overfill, dilute, or use more than 1 cup (250 mL). Do not use color-safe bleach or Oxi products in the same cycle with liquid chlorine bleach.

5. Add fabric softener to dispenser (on 27" models)

Pour a measured amount of liquid fabric softener into dispenser; always follow manufacturer's directions for correct amount of fabric softener based on your load size.

Dilute liquid fabric softener by filling the dispenser with warm water until liquid reaches the underside of the rim. See max fill line arrows. Do not overfill.

Adding Liquid Fabric Softener Manually to Wash Load

On models without a fabric softener dispenser (24" models), or to add fabric softener manually on dispenser models, during the final rinse, wait until the washer has completed filling, then push in the Cycle knob to pause the washer. Lift the lid and add the measured recommended amount of liquid fabric softener (diluted with 1/2 to 1 cup [125 to 250 mL] warm water). Do not allow liquid fabric softener to spill, splash, drip, or run into the basket or on load. Do not use more than the recommended amount. Close the lid and pull out the Cycle knob to start the washer.

6. Select cycle

Turn Cycle knob clockwise to choose your wash cycle. For more information, see "Washer Cycle Guide."

7. Select SOIL LEVEL

Select the soil level setting most suitable for your load.

8. Select TEMPERATURE

Once you select a cycle, select the desired wash temperature by turning the WASH TEMP knob to the appropriate setting based on your load. All rinses are tap cold.

NOTE: Always read and follow fabric care label instructions to avoid damage to your garments.

9. Select Deep Water Wash option (on 27" models)

On some models, set DEEP WATER WASH to ON for bulky loads such as sheets or bedding.

10. Pull out Cycle knob to begin wash cycle

Close the washer lid and pull out the Cycle knob to start the washer.

NOTE: *Some washers will only fill with the lid in the closed position.*

To add a garment after washer starts:

- Push in the Cycle knob to stop the washer.
- Open the lid and add the item(s).
- Close the lid and pull the Cycle knob out to resume the cycle. Do not leave the lid open unattended once the washer has started filling.
- For best performance, do not interrupt washer cycle once the washer has been started.

Using Your Dryer

1. Clean the lint screen

Clean the lint screen before each load.

On 27" models, pull the lint screen straight up. Roll lint off the screen with your fingers. Push the lint screen firmly back into place.

On 24" models, reach inside the drum and pull out the lint screen and its cover, and separate the cover and the screen by squeezing the screen and pulling on the cover at the same time. Roll lint off the screen with your fingers. Put the lint screen and its cover back together and push firmly into place.

On all models, do not rinse or wash screen to remove lint. For additional cleaning information, see "Cleaning the lint screen."

2. Load the dryer

Place laundry in the dryer. Close the door.

NOTE: *Your model may have a different door than the one shown. Do not tightly pack the dryer; clothes should be able to tumble freely.*

WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons, read the IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS before operating this dryer.

3. Select cycle

Select the desired cycle for your load. See "Dryer Cycle Guide" for more information about each cycle.

AUTOMATIC DRY Cycles

You can select a different dryness level, depending on your load, by turning the knob to the desired dryness level.

Selecting Very Dry, ENERGY PREFERRED, or Less Dry automatically adjusts the dryness level at which the dryer will shut off. Once a dryness level is set, it cannot be changed without stopping the cycle.

AUTOMATIC DRY cycles give the best drying in the shortest time. Drying time varies based on fabric type, load size, and dryness setting.

NOTE: *Very Dry removes more load moisture. ENERGY PREFERRED is used for a starting point for AUTOMATIC DRY cycles. Choose ENERGY PREFERRED for optimal energy savings. Less Dry removes less moisture and is used for loads you may want to put on a hanger to complete drying.*

4. Select End of Cycle Signal (optional, on 27" models only)

Your dryer may have an End of Cycle Signal. The signal is helpful when drying items that should be removed from the dryer as soon as it stops. On the PUSH TO START button, turn the END OF CYCLE SIGNAL selector to ON or OFF. The signal will sound only if the selector is set to ON.

NOTE: *When the Tumble Press® setting is selected and the End of Cycle Signal is ON, the tone will sound every 5 minutes until the clothes are removed or the Tumble Press® setting ends.*

5. Press PUSH TO START knob to begin cycle

Push and hold the PUSH TO START knob to begin the cycle.

Promptly remove garments after cycle has completed to reduce wrinkling. Use the Tumble Press® feature to avoid wrinkling when you are unable to remove a load from the dryer as soon as it stops.

Additional Features

To obtain a drying rack for your dryer, follow the instructions included in your dryer drum. Remove and discard any packing material before use.

Use the drying rack for items that you do not want to tumble dry, such as sweaters and tennis shoes. When you use the drying rack, the drum continues to turn, but the rack remains stationary.

The drying rack is intended for use with the Timed Drying cycles only. The drying rack cannot be used with Automatic Dry cycles.

To use the drying rack:

USING THE DRYING RACK

IMPORTANT: Do not remove the lint screen.

1. Open dryer door.
2. Align the two hooks on the front of the drying rack with the holes in the dryer door opening and press down fully into holes. Rest the rear support on the dryer back ledge.

3. Place wet items on top of the drying rack. Allow space around items for air to circulate. The drying rack does not move, but the drum will rotate. Make sure items do not hang over the edges or between drying rack grille.
4. Close the door.
5. Select a Timed Drying/Fluff Air or Low Temperature cycle. Items containing foam, rubber, or plastic must be dried on a clothesline or by using the Fluff Air setting.
6. Start the dryer.

NOTE: Check the lint screen and remove any lint accumulated from items dried on the drying rack after the cycle is finished.

Washer/Dryer Maintenance

WATER INLET HOSES

Replace inlet hoses after 5 years of use to reduce the risk of hose failure. Periodically inspect and replace inlet hoses if bulges, kinks, cuts, wear, or leaks are found.

When replacing your inlet hoses, mark the date of replacement on the label with a permanent marker.

WASHER CARE

Recommendations to Help Keep Your Washer Clean and Performing at its Best

1. Always follow the detergent manufacturer's instructions regarding the amount of detergent to use. Never use more than the recommended amount because that may increase the rate at which detergent and soil residue accumulate inside your washer, which in turn may result in undesirable odor.
2. Use warm and hot wash water settings sometimes (not exclusively cold water washes), because they do a better job of controlling the rate at which soils and detergent accumulate.
3. Always leave the washer lid open between uses to help dry out the washer and prevent the buildup of odor-causing residue.

Cleaning Your Top Loading Washer

Read these instructions completely before beginning the routine cleaning processes recommended below. This Washer Maintenance Procedure should be performed, at a minimum, once per month or every 30 wash cycles, whichever occurs sooner, to control the rate at which soils and detergent may otherwise accumulate in your washer. To keep washer interior odor-free, follow this recommended monthly cleaning procedure:

affresh® Washer Cleaner Cycle Procedure (Recommended for Best Performance):

- a. Open the washer lid and remove any clothing or items.
- b. Place an affresh® Washer Cleaner tablet in the bottom of the washer basket.

- c. Do not add any detergent or other chemical to the washer when following this procedure.
- d. Close the washer lid.
- e. Select Normal 14 (27" models) or Super Wash (24" models) cycle, Hot Temperature, and Heavy Soil Level.
- f. Pull out the Cycle knob. Water will pour into washer for a moment and then pause; the lid will lock and the cycle will continue.

NOTE: For best results, do not interrupt cycle. If cycle must be interrupted, push in the Cycle knob.

Chlorine Bleach Procedure (Alternative):

- a. Open the washer lid and remove any clothing or items.
- b. Add 1 cup (236 mL) of liquid chlorine bleach to the bleach compartment.

NOTE: Use of more liquid chlorine bleach than is recommended above could cause washer damage over time.

- c. Do not add any detergent or other chemical to the washer when following this procedure.
- d. Close the washer lid.
- e. Select Normal 14 (27" models) or Super Wash (24" models) cycle. Hot Temperature. and Heavy Soil Level.
- f. Pull out the Cycle knob. Water will pour into washer for a moment and then pause; the lid will lock and the cycle will continue.

NOTE: For best results. do not interrupt cycle. If cycle must be interrupted. push in the Cycle knob.

Cleaning the liquid fabric softener dispenser (on some models)

1. Remove dispenser by grasping top with both hands and squeezing. while pushing upward with thumbs.
2. Rinse dispenser under warm water. then replace it.

NOTE: To avoid damage to the washer or clothing. do not wash clothes with the liquid fabric softener dispenser removed.

Cleaning the bleach dispenser (on some models)

Wipe the inside of the bleach dispenser with a clean, damp cloth.

Cleaning the Outside of the Washer

Use a soft, damp cloth or sponge to wipe away any spills.

Use only mild soaps or cleaners when cleaning external washer surfaces.

IMPORTANT: To avoid damaging the washer's finish. do not use abrasive products.

CLEANING THE DRYER INTERIOR

To clean dryer drum

1. Apply a liquid, nonflammable household cleaner to the stained area of the drum and rub with a soft cloth until stain is removed.
2. Wipe drum thoroughly with a damp cloth.
3. Tumble a load of clean cloths or towels to dry the drum.

NOTE: *Garments that contain loose dyes, such as denim blue jeans or brightly colored cotton items, may discolor the dryer interior. These stains are not harmful to your dryer and will not stain future loads of clothes. Dry these items inside out to avoid drum staining.*

REMOVING ACCUMULATED LINT

From Inside the Dryer Cabinet

Lint should be removed every 2 years, or more often, depending on dryer usage. Cleaning should be done by a qualified servicer.

From the Exhaust Vent

Lint should be removed every 2 years, or more often, depending on dryer usage.

CLEANING THE LINT SCREEN

Every load cleaning

A screen blocked by lint can increase drying time.

On 27" models, the lint screen is located in the door opening of the dryer.

On 24" models, it is located inside the dryer on the back wall.

To clean:

1. On 27" models, pull the lint screen straight up. Roll lint off the screen with your fingers.

On 24" models, pull out the lint screen and its cover, and separate the cover and the screen by squeezing the screen and pulling on the cover at the same time. Roll lint off the screen with your fingers.

On all models, do not rinse or wash the screen to remove lint. Wet lint is hard to remove.

2. On 27" models, push the lint screen firmly back into place.

On 24" models, put the lint screen and its cover back together and push firmly back into place.

IMPORTANT:

- Do not run the dryer with the lint screen loose, damaged, blocked, or missing. Doing so can cause overheating and damage to both the dryer and fabrics.
- If lint falls off the screen into the dryer during removal, check the exhaust hood and remove the lint. See "Venting Requirements" in the Installation Instructions.

As needed cleaning

Laundry detergent and fabric softener residue can build up on the lint screen. This buildup can cause longer drying times for your clothes, or cause the dryer to stop before your load is completely dry. The screen is probably clogged if lint falls off while the screen is in the dryer.

Clean the lint screen with a nylon brush every 6 months, or more frequently, if it becomes clogged due to a residue buildup.

To wash:

1. Roll lint off the screen with your fingers.
2. Wet both sides of lint screen with hot water.
3. Wet a nylon brush with hot water and liquid detergent. Scrub lint screen with the brush to remove residue buildup.
4. Rinse screen with hot water.
5. Thoroughly dry lint screen with a clean towel.

CHANGING THE DRUM LIGHT (on some models)

1. Unplug dryer or disconnect power.
2. Open the dryer door. Locate the light bulb cover on the back wall of the dryer. Using a Phillips-head screwdriver, remove the screw located in the lower right-hand corner of the cover. Remove the cover.
3. Turn bulb counterclockwise. Replace the bulb with a 10-watt appliance bulb only. Replace the cover and secure with the screw.
4. Plug into a grounded outlet or reconnect power.

VACATION, STORAGE, AND MOVING CARE

Non-Use or Storage Care

Operate your washer/dryer only when you are at home. If you will be on vacation or not using your washer/dryer for an extended period of time, you should:

1. Unplug washer/dryer or disconnect power.
2. Turn off water supply to washer, to avoid flooding due to water pressure surge.
3. For gas dryers only: Close shut-off valve to gas supply line.
4. Clean lint screen. See "Cleaning the Lint Screen".

Moving Care

For power supply cord-connected washer/dryers:

1. Unplug the power supply cord.

2. Make sure leveling legs are secure in washer/dryer base.
3. Continue with “For washers” in next column.

For direct-wired washer/dryers:

1. Turn off power at fuse or breaker box.
2. Disconnect wiring.
3. Make sure leveling legs are secure in washer/dryer base.
4. Continue with “For washers” below.

For gas washer/dryers:

1. Unplug or disconnect power to washer/dryer.
2. Close shut-off valve in gas supply line.
3. Disconnect gas supply line pipe and remove fittings attached to dryer pipe.
4. Cap the open fuel supply line.
5. Make sure leveling legs are secure in washer/dryer base.
6. Continue with “For washers” below.

For washers:

1. Shut off both water faucets. Disconnect and drain water inlet hoses.
2. If washer/dryer will be moved during freezing weather, follow “Winter Storage Care” directions before moving.
3. Disconnect drain hose from drain system and drain any remaining water into a pan or bucket. Disconnect drain hose from back of washer.
4. Place inlet hoses and drain hose inside washer basket.
5. Drape power cord over edge and into washer basket.
6. Place packing tray from original shipping materials back inside washer/dryer. If you do not have packing tray, place heavy blankets or towels into basket opening. Close lids/doors and place tape over lids/doors and down front of washer/dryer. Keep lids/doors taped until washer/dryer is placed in new location.

WINTER STORAGE CARE

IMPORTANT: To avoid damage, install and store washer/dryer where it will not freeze. Because some water may stay in hoses, freezing can damage washer/dryer. If storing or moving during freezing weather, winterize your washer/dryer.

To winterize washer/dryer:

1. Shut off both water faucets, disconnect and drain water inlet hoses.

2. Put 1 qt. (1 L) of R.V.-type antifreeze in basket and run washer on RINSE cycle for about 30 seconds to mix antifreeze and remaining water.
3. Unplug washer/dryer or disconnect power.

REINSTALLING/USING WASHER/DRYER AGAIN

To reinstall washer/dryer after non-use, vacation, moving, or winter storage:

1. Refer to Installation Instructions to locate, level, and connect washer/dryer.
2. Before using again, run washer/dryer through the following recommended procedure:

To use washer/dryer again:

1. Flush water pipes and hoses. Reconnect water inlet hoses. Turn on both water faucets.



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