

How to Clean Your Top Loading Washing Machine

Cleaning your top loading washing machine is simple, all you really need is white vinegar and some cleaning cloths.

Worried that your laundry room will smell like a pickle? Once the rinse cycle runs you won't smell the vinegar.

HOW TO ADD IT TO YOUR ROUTINE:

If you're adding cleaning your washing machine to your cleaning rotation, clean it monthly or at least every 3 months.

TOP LOADING INSTRUCTIONS

- Start by setting your washer to its hottest temperature, highest capacity and longest cycle.
- Add four cups of white vinegar to the hot water, close the lid and allow it to agitate for several minutes.
- Open the lid or pause/stop the machine and allow it to sit for an hour so that the vinegar can do its job to get rid of the bacteria, mold and mildew and the hoses of your machine.
- After you have run a complete cycle with the vinegar solution, you can repeat the process if your washing machine is extra dirty. The vinegar does a great job of removing any buildup, not to mention softening any soap scum and other residue that may be in the washer and hoses. Let your machine agitate the solution for several minutes and open the lid.
- While you allow this solution to sit for an hour, it's time to tackle the exterior of the washer as well as the fabric softener and bleach reservoirs. Using soft cleaning cloth, dip it in the vinegar solution and wring it out. Wipe down the exterior, lid and control panel, taking care to not get it too wet. Remove any compartments and wipe down around the area where scum and dirt tends to collect. Rinse your cloth and remove the softener reservoir from the machine and wipe the exterior and interior of it as well. Close the lid and allow the washer to complete its cycle.



my number one maintenance tip

Be sure to leave the door open to prevent moisture build-up in between loads and clean it inside and out every month.