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# Call A Certified Dryer Exhaust Technician®



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When was the last time you had your dryer vent cleaned? Lint and debris build up in your clothes dryer vent causing your dryer to exhaust at less than optimum efficiency. Lint is extremely flammable and presents a potential fire hazard. If a gas clothes dryer is improperly vented or the exhaust vent is partially or completely blocked by lint or debris, carbon monoxide can be forced back into your living space.

### But who should inspect it?

#### Call a CSIA Certified Dryer Exhaust Technician®.

The Chimney Safety Institute of America recommends that CSIA Certified Dryer Exhaust Technicians® (CDET) perform dryer vent inspections on an annual basis to ensure proper operation of your clothes dryer system. A CDET has passed an extensive exam on the proper inspection and maintenance of dryer vents, including applicable codes and standards relating to these systems.

They will clean and verify that the venting system is sized and installed correctly. One common issue that is identified and fixed is flammable plastic transition ducts (joining the dryer to the wall) are replaced with metal transitions. Dryer vent manufacturers specify metal transition ducts that meet the UL 2158A Standard.

### When should you get it inspected?

In 2020, the National Fire Protection Association reported that 4 percent of home fires were caused by dryers in the prior 5 years. The majority of those fires were caused by failure to clean and improper installation.

Annual dryer exhaust vent inspections protect your home. Dryers are often located away from outside walls in bathrooms, kitchens and in hall closets which is convenient, but potentially hazardous. These locations mean longer venting runs often installed with excessive bends. As a result, dryer vents are harder to access and

this additional length creates a greater potential for lint to collect. Birds and animals may also utilize dryer vents for nesting areas if proper terminations are not used.

In addition to these safety considerations, annual clothes dryer vent inspections can also increase the efficiency of your clothes dryer and decrease the wear on your appliance saving you money. A clean dryer vent prevents heat, moisture and, in the case of gas clothes dryers, carbon monoxide from being trapped in your home. When this type of spillage occurs, energy, and time are all wasted because your appliance works harder and runs longer than necessary. Moisture can also cause damage to drywall, wallpaper, ceilings and other building materials. If your dryer takes twice as long to dry clothes as normal, the the useful life of the dryer is cut in half. When the dryer runs at higher than designed temperatures, damage is likely to the the clothes dryer. This can lead to the heating element burning out or a fire could ignite as a result of overworked safety controls.

### What else can you do to ensure the best service?

Find out if the company has a valid liability insurance policy to protect you and your home against accidents. Make sure that the sweep's credential is current. CSIA Certified Dryer Exhaust Technicians® carry an ID that features certification number and expiration date. Related industry leaders and knowledgeable homeowners understand the quality and value this credential represents. Those who have earned the CSIA credential have demonstrated their commitment to the industry, to fire prevention and to their customers.