

Laundry Lint

The Water/Sewer Departments occasionally receives calls regarding a backed-up floor drain near the home's laundry washer and dryer...even though the rest of the home drains properly.

Time and time again the culprit was "Laundry Lint" in the home's sewer pipes.

Lint is discharged from your washing machine as it empties into the laundry sink. Homeowners should have a "Lint Catcher" attached to the washing machine's drain hose to catch lint from going down the laundry sink's drain.

A lint build up will harden and cause restrictions in the home's sewer and can cause backups in the home's drain system.

"Lint Catchers" are inexpensive and available at hardware and grocery stores. They are simple to install and help avoid costly plumbing service-call repairs. When a Lint Catcher is full of lint, replace it.

Below are two photos of a "Lint Catcher" attached to a washing machine discharge hose in a laundry tub.



Left Photo is a newly installed Lint Catcher.....Right Photo is a Lint Catcher in need of replacement



Photo Above is a close-up view of a used Lint Catcher that has protected your plumbing from excess lint entering the home's sewer pipe. When a lint catcher is full of lint, replace it.