How to Measure for Your New Washer & Dryer

This checklist will guide you through the entire process of measuring the space for your new washer and dryer, and assist in verifying all of the technical aspects relating to gas, electric and water hookup.

Measuring Your Home:

Measure the depth of the space where your new washer and dryer will be installed. Remember that most washers and dryers will need to be placed at least 4 inches from a rear wall to leave space for the hoses and venting.

Measurements: __________

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Measure the entire width of the available space, including trim.

Measure the height of the space.

Is your washer or dryer on an upper floor?

Measurements: __________

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Upper Floor? Yes / No

Verify which machine is on the left and which is on the right, when you’re facing them.

The washer is typically placed on the left, because most front-load washing machine doors open out to the left.

If your machines are in the opposite position, it will be difficult to have both machines’ doors open simultaneously. You may need to reroute venting, gas and water lines as a solution, or choose a top-loading washer.

Right: ________________

Left: ________________

Is your dryer electric? One way to check is by inspecting the power plug. A gas dryer plugs into a typical household electrical outlet, while an electric dryer uses a larger plug.

Gas / Electric

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Electric dryers do not come with new power cords from the factory. If you would like one, please verify your plug type (3 or 4 prongs).

How Many Plug Prongs:

3 / 4

If you have a gas dryer, please verify if there is a gas shut-off valve near the dryer or somewhere in your home.

Near: Yes / No

If Not, Specify Location:

Gas dryers do not come with the flexible gas connector from the factory. A new one is necessary for a safe installation. If Abt is installing your dryer, you'll need to provide a new connector or include one in your purchase.

Providing Connector:

Yes / No

Purchasing Connector:

Yes / No

Verify the type of venting your dryer is connected to. For safety reasons, Abt can only connect a dryer to metal venting.

Metal Venting:

Yes / No
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Verify the size and location of your venting. Does it connect to your dryer from the right, left, or directly behind?

Size: __________________
Shape: __________________
Connection: ____________

Do the water valves behind your washing machine open and close freely? If not, do you have access to another water shut-off valve?

Freely Open and Close:
Yes / No

Access to Shut-Off Valve:
Yes / No

Most new washing machines do not come with new rubber hoses. For liability reasons, Abt cannot reuse old washer hoses. If Abt is installing your washing machine, we will provide industry-standard rubber hoses.

For an additional fee, we can upgrade to stainless-steel braided hoses, which provide additional safety.

Upgrade Hose:
Yes / No

When purchasing a stackable washer and dryer, keep in mind what your most comfortable reach height is.

Typically, stackable washers and dryers have a height of about 80 in.