

Lighten the laundry load with a

GAS DRYER



Do you have a date with some dirty clothes? It's likely, according to studies (yes, people really study this) about how much time Americans spend doing laundry.

In 2016, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics tackled the topic. The agency concluded that the majority of laundry is done by women who dedicate an average of 119 minutes per week – just 60 seconds shy of two hours – to the chore.

A study by Taskrabbit.com finds that washing, drying and ironing laundry takes up 16% of the time the average American spends accomplishing household chores and tasks each week. That same study also noted that doing laundry is one of the least favorite chores we tackle at home.

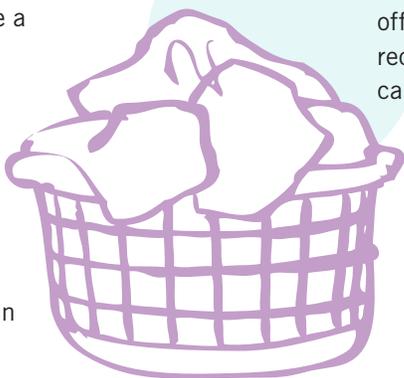
Any way you add it up, doing laundry takes a big chunk of our time – time that could be spent enjoying family and friends, pursuing a favorite hobby or just taking a nap.

Still, we all like to wear clean clothes. So, how can laundry day become less of a burden?

The answer might be as simple as choosing to use a natural gas dryer.

Why go with gas?

Doing the laundry is easier and quicker with a natural gas dryer in the laundry room.



Natural gas dryers have a lot going for them. Consider these advantages:

Fast drying. Natural gas dryers heat up fast, so they dry clothes quickly. A natural gas dryer can dry two loads of clothes in the same time it takes for one load in most dryers. The average household can save up to 48 hours of drying time a year.

Energy efficient. The Consumer Energy Center (CEC) attributes six percent of the average household's utility costs to the clothes dryer. Doing the job faster makes a gas dryer an energy efficient option. High-efficiency natural gas dryers can save up to 50 percent in dryer energy costs, estimates the CEC.

Gentle on fabrics. Natural gas dryers fluff and freshen your washables with less wrinkling, shrinkage and static cling. These dryers are gentler on fabrics because clothes are dried more quickly at specific temperatures to adequately evaporate water from the fabric. Then, when a gas dryer turns off, the heat dissipates quickly, reducing the amount of wrinkling. This can reduce the amount of time spent on ironing.

Low operating cost. A natural gas dryer costs more to purchase – approximately \$100 more – than a comparable electric model. But it will cost less to operate over the lifetime of the appliance because of the lower cost of natural gas.

Durability. A quality gas dryer typically lasts a long time – up to 13 years or more.

Energy Star rated. In 2015, for the first time ever, the United States Department of Energy began rating clothes dryers for energy efficiency. Appliance manufacturers now make many natural gas dryer models that have earned the rating. Although you may be able to buy a lower efficiency gas dryer (has not earned Energy Star rating) for less, keep in mind that you will pay more for each load of clothes you dry as it uses more energy to do the job for the life of the unit. The more efficient your gas dryer is, the less energy it takes to dry your clothes, and the more you save.

Loathe laundry day? Save time and energy with a natural gas dryer.

gas up the stove

African Peanut Soup

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and roasted
- 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded and roasted
- 28 ounces crushed tomatoes with liquid
- 4 cups preferred broth or stock
- 2/3 cup extra crunchy peanut butter
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder (optional)

Cook onion and garlic in oil until golden. Combine onion, peppers, broth and tomatoes. Using food processor or blender, liquify in batches. Place all of the contents in a pot and bring to a gentle boil. Reduce heat and add peanut butter, stirring until melted. Add spices if desired. Simmer until soup has thickened, stirring occasionally.

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