# Laundry Room Safety & Savings

## Money Saving Steps That Protect Your Home

#### **4** 1. Clean the Dryer Vent Regularly

Built-up lint is a serious fire hazard. Clean the lint trap after every load, and have the dryer vent duct professionally cleaned at least once a year.

#### **2. Inspect Washer Hoses**

Check for cracks, bulges, or leaks in rubber water supply hoses — especially if they're over 5 years old. Consider upgrading to braided stainless steel hoses for added durability.

#### 3. Check for Proper Ventilation

Ensure your dryer is venting to the outside and that there's adequate airflow. Poor ventilation can cause moisture buildup and lead to mold or mildew in walls and nearby cabinetry.

#### 4. Install a Water Shut-Off Valve

If your laundry room doesn't already have an accessible shut-off valve for the washer, it's worth adding one. A quick shutoff can prevent major water damage in case of hose failure.

### **◯** 5. Keep the Area Clean & Clear

Dust, lint, and clutter can build up behind appliances — creating fire risk and inefficiency. Take 5 minutes monthly to vacuum and wipe behind your washer and dryer.

