



Onsite Laundry Service for Shelters

CONNECT MACHINES AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

- Contact the Houston Permitting Center (HPC) plan review at (832) 394-8810/8820 to connect washing machines to the sanitary sewer, a gray water tank, or an approved containment unit and for an onsite inspection at (832) 394-8870 after installation.
- Arrange for a permitted transporter to remove waste from the gray water tank/containment unit.
- Have a backup plan for laundry service in the event of leaks or mechanical failure (ex., agreement with hotel or other offsite laundry service).

Do not connect washing machines to the storm sewer

PROVIDE SIGNS, SUPPLIES, AND SPACE

- Designate space and post signs for:
 - o Clean and soiled laundry storage areas
 - o Separate sorting and folding areas
- Provide laundry detergent.

LAUNDERING

Dispose of Contaminated Items

Bedding, towels, and clothing used by residents with known or suspected COVID-19 or Norovirus do not need to be cleaned separately and may be laundered following normal laundry guidelines.

- Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE –surgical masks, gloves, aprons, disposable shoe covers).
- Double-bag clothes and bedding soiled with bodily fluids or feces or infested with lice or scabies using heavy trash bags and tie securely.
- Seal bag and place directly in dumpster.

Wash and Dry

Residents/staff should wash hands or use hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) after handling dirty laundry.

- Do not “shake” out dirty clothing before placing in washing machine.
- Wash all clothing and bedding in washing machines using laundry detergent and normal temperature settings.
- Use household bleach at normal concentrations if desired, but it is not necessary.
- Dry clothes and bedding completely in a dryer.
- Run washing machine and dryer cycles until they are completed, making disinfection of the appliances unnecessary.
- Clean appliances and counters on a routine schedule and when visibly dirty.

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