



How to Clean Out a Dryer Vent

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INTRODUCTION

Many dryers are connected to a dryer vent, which takes the heat and moisture from the dryer and sends it outside the house. When this vent gets clogged, it keeps the dryer from working properly and can leave the user with damp clothes. A clogged dryer vent can also be a fire hazard.

Home owners should clean out their dryer vent at least once a year.

TOOLS:

[Cordless Driver/Drill](#) (1)
[dryer vent cleaning kit](#) (1)
[Phillips #0 Screwdriver](#) (1)
[Shop Vacuum](#) (1)

Step 1 — How to Clean Out a Dryer Vent



- Pull your dryer away from the wall and disconnect the dryer vent from the wall.

 **Make sure your dryer is not running before removing vent cover.**

 In this case, there was one screw connecting the vent to the wall.

- Simply remove the screw and pull the vent from the wall.

Step 2



- Find where the dryer vent exits the house and remove the cap or covering on the vent.
- ① There were no screws holding the vent cap down and could be pulled straight off.

Step 3



- Connect the main cleaning brush extension to the end of a drill.
- Insert the cleaning extension into the vent and run it down the vent by pulling the trigger of the drill.

Step 4



- Add extensions to the end of the drill by disconnecting the main cleaning brush from the end of the drill.
- Next, connect an extension to the drill mouth and screw the other end onto the main cleaning brush.

Step 5



- Keep adding and running the extensions down the vent with the drill.
- ① You will feel that the extensions can go no farther when it hits the end of the vent.
- ① In this case, you can see the cleaning brush coming out on the other end of the vent.

Step 6



- Pull the cleaning extensions back out by continuing to run your drill in the same direction and pulling backwards.

⚠ If you reverse your drill, the extensions could unscrew and get stuck in your dryer vent.

- Unscrew and remove the extensions from the drill one by one as you pull the cleaning brushes out.

Step 7



- Clean up all lint and soot that came out of the vent on the inside of your house.

⚠ Leaving the lint underneath your dryer can be a fire hazard.

Step 8



- Use a shop vac from the outside vent to remove any loose lint left behind in the vent.

Reconnect the vent inside and put the vent cap back on outside.