



Did you know that in Quebec since 2018 clothes dryers have been the cause of at least 450 fires, i.e. 10% of the fires declared by municipalities?

The majority are caused by excessive lint buildup and poor duct maintenance.

Fortunately, proper maintenance and proper use greatly reduces and helps prevent residential fires caused by this type of appliance.

#### 10 tips to prevent dryer fires:

1. Always follow the manufacturer's recommendations
2. Empty and clean the lint filter after each use
3. Clean and empty the dryer duct 1 @ 2 times a year depending on use
4. Always use steel conduit
5. Inspect your system regularly
6. Insulate your duct to prevent condensation
7. Avoid leaving your dryer running unattended
8. Avoid overloading your dryer
9. Be on the lookout for signs of air blockage
10. Watch out for oily clothes and dryer sheets

In summer, limit the use of your dryer by using a clothesline if possible.

