

WEEKLY LAUNDRY

DATE

ASSIGNED TO:							
THIS IS A VERY BASIC LIST AND DOES NOT ENCOMPASS ALL LAUNDRY PROBLEMS YOU CAN AND WILL ENCOUNTER. SUGGEST YOU READ THE BOOKLET THAT CAME WITH THE WASHING MACHINE OR GET A BOOK ON LAUNDRY FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.							
STRATEGY: Avoid owning special care clothing - things that bleed, shrink, require hand washing, line drying, or ironing. Check the label before you buy and no matter how pretty, don't buy it if it isn't easy care.							
GET ALL YOUR LAUNDRY TOGETHER AND SORT ACCORDING TO COLOR AND BY SPECIAL TREATMENT:							
Whites, colors, dark-might bleed or fade, handwashing, extra dirty, stained							
GET EACH LOAD READY TO WASH:							
Shake out loose dirt-sand / close zippers / close Velcro fasteners / remove belts and pins / tie draw strings / Have rips, tears and pulled seams fixed before washing / EMPTY POCKETS! (A dime that gets into the dryer can burn out the heating filament - \$90 repair bill.)							
TREAT PROBLEM SOIL							
Remove spots and stains by hand, pre-treat heavily soiled areas							
USE LAUNDRY DETERGENT ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS ON CONTAINER							
SAME GOES FOR BLEACH							
NEVER let liquid chlorine bleach in its undiluted form come in direct contact with fabric. It can spot and damage the fabric. Don't use anything with ammonia in it with bleach - makes poisonous fumes.							
HOW FULL TO LOAD THE WASHING MACHINE?							
Put dry, unfolded clothes in loosely up to the top row of holes in the washing machine basket (Don't push the clothes down to get more in!) Check the size of load setting on the washing machine.							
SET THE TEMPERATURE SETTING							
Use warm water for most laundry. Hot is for heavily soiled clothes that need extra cleaning - especially socks and underwear. May want to presoak a small load, then wash in warm with other laundry. Cold water does not clean as well as warm and hot (especially in the wintertime. Powdered detergent does not dissolve as well. Liquid works better in cold water. Save the cold water for dark clothes that might bleed or fade.							
WASH 8-10 MINUTES FOR MOST LOADS							
PREPARE THE DRYER FOR DRYING: Clean the lint filter before each load.							
DON'T DRY SPECIAL CARE FABRICS IF THE LABELS SAY NOT TO DRY USING PERMANENT PRESS CYCLE REMOVE CLOTHES PROMPTLY							
Fold the clothes right away and don't mash them down in the laundry basket							
RETURN THIS TO MOM							