



# FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Winning the war against dirt • grime • stains • frays • odors • filth • spills • mud • tracks • floods • leaks • mold • allergies • miles

## Three Steps to Cleaner Clothes

“Doing the laundry” – it’s a common phrase and chore in virtually every household.

Here are three easy ways to cleaner, fresher clothes.

**#1. Pre-treat spots and stains:** Any textile is porous, which means staining substances can penetrate into the fibers and become very difficult to remove, and can sometimes become permanent. Remember, there is a difference from a spot to a stain. Any visible spot should be pretreated with a laundry pretreatment product. Without this step, spots can work their way *into* the fibers and become stains.

**#2: Sort it out:** Separating delicate clothes, dark clothes and white clothes means you have a little more control over how aggressive your laundry is cleaned. Delicates should usually be cleaned in colder water, with a shorter cycle. Consider air or hang drying all delicates. Dark clothes might bleed, so washing them separate is smart, and also on colder water (to be safer.) White clothes definitely show more dirt but often are also more durable. You can use hot water on most whites. Always look at the tag on each item as there's nothing more frustrating than a sweater coming out three sizes smaller than when it went in.

**#3: Boost your cleaning power:** When you have really dirty or smelly laundry, sometimes the normal soap doesn't do the trick. There are laundry boosters available that do what the name implies: They boost the cleaning power by using oxidizing solutions that aren't as strong as chlorine bleach, which can easily remove colour. A booster really does the trick on tough dirt, spots, stains and odors. Follow the manufacturer directions carefully.



## SAFETY TIPS

### TO PREVENT HOME FIRES WHEN COOKING

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave for even a short time turn off the stove.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves.
- Do not cook if when sleepy or drinking alcohol, or taking medicine that makes you drowsy.
- Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a 3 foot "kid-free zone" around the stove.
- Keep barbecue grills at least 10 feet from siding, deck railings, and away from eaves and branches.

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