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Establish the washer-cleaning routine

Main task: about 10 active minutes. DIY.

Every month; sooner at 30 cycles. Monthly or every 30 cycles, per manual.

- ☐ **Run the washer's approved clean cycle**
Use the installed model's cleaning cycle and specified cleaning product or method. Never mix cleaning products.
- ☐ **Clean the dispenser and gasket**
Clean accessible parts as the model directs. Only clean a filter when the manufacturer identifies it as owner-serviceable.
- ☐ **Set the next cleaning reminder**
Record the cleaning date and follow the model's interval. Whirlpool's example is every 30 days or 30 wash cycles; other models may differ.

Safety: Never mix cleaning products. Do not force access to a non-serviceable filter.

Additional time: Cleaning cycle runs separately

Timing basis: Whirlpool recommends every 30 days or 30 wash cycles. Installed-model instructions control. Equipment instructions and actual conditions take priority.

Guidance: [Source 1](#)

[Open the online checklist and how-to links](#)

Follow-up notes

Other maintenance this week

Up to 32 additional active minutes if every item applies. Spread these out. Skip equipment you do not have and monthly checks already completed.

- ☐ **Walk through for leaks and humidity** (Weekly; 10 min)
Look under sinks and at ceilings. Read a hygrometer. Log new dampness. Aim for 30-50% RH, below 60%.
Safety: Fix leaks promptly. Dry wet materials within 24-48 hours. Refer extensive, hidden or contaminated damage to a professional. [Guide](#)
- ☐ **Read refrigerator and freezer thermometers** (Weekly planning check; 2 min)
Read appliance thermometers. Refrigerator should be 40 F or below; freezer 0 F or below.
Safety: Investigate unsafe temperatures promptly. An appliance setting is not a thermometer reading. [Guide](#)
- ☐ **Check bathroom exhaust fan** (Quarterly planning check; 20 min)
Check airflow and clean an accessible cover per manual.
Safety: Isolate power before cleaning. Have weak airflow or uncertain outdoor discharge assessed. [Guide](#)

Optional housekeeping & reminders

About 143 active minutes for cleaning: 143 for the regular routine plus this week's detail. Spread it out. Laundry and machine cycles add time.

Follow care labels, ventilate and never mix cleaning products. Use safe access and hire help for height or heavy items.

Regular cleaning routine

- ☐ **Wipe down the kitchen**
Counters, cooled stovetop, sink and appliance fronts.
- ☐ **Vacuum and mop floors**
Include stairs. Use the method approved for your flooring.
- ☐ **Dust and refresh upholstery**
Top to bottom. Vacuum cushions and fluff pillows.
- ☐ **Clean bathrooms and reachable glass**
Toilets, sinks, tub or shower, mirrors and glass.
- ☐ **Review food storage and empty bins**
Check leftovers. Wipe sticky trash and recycling bins.
- ☐ **Wash bedding, towels and bathmats**
Replace sheets and pillowcases. Follow care labels.

Only if it applies: household and equipment

Additional time. Keep personal and financial records private.

- ☐ **Sort magazines and catalogs** (3 min)
Sort current reading and recycle or file unwanted items.
Safety: Protect personal information before recycling.
- ☐ **Review bank and card transactions** (10 min)
Review recent transactions and flag unfamiliar charges or missing records.
Safety: Use trusted account access. Keep financial details out of shared copies.
- ☐ **Review inboxes, bills and paperwork** (10 min)
Review due bills and correspondence; file completed paperwork.
Safety: Protect account numbers and avoid duplicate payments.
- ☐ **Care for portable humidifier** (6 min)
Empty, dry and refill daily. Clean every third day and rinse thoroughly as directed.
Safety: Unplug before cleaning. Use only when humidity requires it; follow water and cleaning instructions.

Between reminders: clean the dryer lint screen each load. Inspect after significant storms and address failed alarms, leaks or unsafe equipment promptly. Portable humidifiers in use need daily water care and cleaning every third day. Pools need more frequent care and barrier supervision during use.

Move outdoor work for heat, lightning, rain or ice. Prepare plumbing before a forecast freeze. Repairs, professional service, materials and machine cycles add time.