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FACS6 Laundry Process

Period _____



THE LAUNDRY PROCESS

Sorting is one of the most important steps in laundering. While you sort, you should:

1. Look for spots and stains and treat them before washing.
2. Close buttons and zippers etc. to prevent tearing.
3. Remove all items from pockets.
4. Tie sashes and belts loosely to prevent tangling.
5. Look for tears, rips, etc. and repair them before washing.
6. Sort clothes into loads of the correct size for the washer.
7. Identify special-care or hand-washable items and keep them separate.

LAUNDRY STEPS:

The steps of laundry process are as follows:

1. SORT

a. Follow these guidelines:

- i. Color of fabric
- ii. understanding care labels
- iii. amount of dirt
- iv. weight of fabric

2. REPAIR OR MEND

a. Mending clothing before washing to keep torn area from getting larger.

3. PRE-TREAT

a. Fresh stains are easier to remove than old stains.

4. WASH

a. Select the water temperature.

- hot water sets stains, shrinks clothes, fades color, and costs more.
- warm water causes little damage to clothing.
- cold water protects fabrics, prevents shrinkage, prevents fading, allows stains to remove easily, costs less.

b. Select the water level.

c. Select the laundry products.

- Chlorine bleach is mainly used on white cotton fabrics. Colored bleach is for colored clothing.
- Always use the amount of soap recommended on the box.

5. DRY

a. Select the temperature.

- high heat damages clothing
- medium heat does less damage than high heat.
- low heat is least damaging but takes longer to dry clothing.

b. Select the time.

- Special care and delicate items only need about 10 – 15 minutes of drying time on a low temperature.
- An average load of clothing requires about 25 – 30 minutes of drying time.
- Heavier items, such as towels and jeans, require a longer drying time.

c. Handle fabrics carefully to reduce the need for ironing.

- Use fabric softeners it helps eliminate wrinkling.
- Take the clothes out of the dryer immediately when dry, while they are still warm; fold or hang.

d. Clean lint trap

- The dryer will not work as efficiently if not cleaned and can cause a fire if it gets backed up.

6. IRON (if needed)

- Always start with a low temperature if you are not sure and increase it until the wrinkles are out.

Laundry Steps Review

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