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## Towel Washing Tips (For Best Results)

- ❖ Wash and dry ALL new towels BEFORE first use to make them more absorbent. Keep in mind that colored towels, because of chemical penetration into the fiber, are less absorbent than white towels. Towels will become more absorbent with each washing. (Towels get better with age!)
- ❖ Put all terry type towels in dryer before their first use! Nothing will “bang” more lint out of the towels than a few good spin cycles in the dryer.
- ❖ Do not wash terry towels with non-terry towels. (Terry towels are linty, nature of the beast.) Remember to clean dryer lint trap before and after each drying cycle.
- ❖ Some towel types feel stiff and look flattened from being machine compressed in bales. Wash and dry towels to make them shrink and fluff to feel nicer.
- ❖ Do NOT use bleach. (Bleach is the kiss of death to everything.) Over time, using harsh chemicals such as those contained in bleach and fabric softeners, reduces the quality, effectiveness and longevity of the material. Use hydrogen peroxide as a disinfectant. When choosing store-bought whiteners, look for products marked “non-chlorine bleach,” which means they're made with either hydrogen peroxide or sodium per-carbonate. Several of the "green" liquid oxygen bleaches are mainly hydrogen peroxide.
- ❖ Do NOT use fabric softener or dryer sheets. Laundering with fabric softener will make the towels feel soft. Fabric softener however is essentially a wax-like coating that surrounds the towel. The wax-like coating will repel water not allowing towels to absorb like they should. Coating also prevents towels from breathing properly trapping in mildew odors.
- ❖ Color towels will bleed. Wash color towels separately. Wash with like colors. Never wash white towels with colors.
- ❖ Wash towels in cold water with one cup of white vinegar with 1/2 cup of detergent. (This will help release lint and set colors.)
- ❖ Tumble dry low. (Less shrinkage and wear and tear).