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Laundry Facility Standards

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This requirement is primarily directed toward facilities performing Commercial volume of laundry.

Common laundry facilities serving large groups of people, or families (apartment or community buildings), or commercial facilities designed for larger volume, are required to have discharge traps/strainers on their washers. A facility serving ten or more families, is similar in flow and waste to a small commercial Laundromat. If a facility has a common laundry for up to five families or resident groups, we classify it as a small residential system, having little effect on the sewer system.

Salem Revised Code (SRC 74.050) prohibits the discharging of materials greater than one-half inch in size. The plumbing Code (UPC 1012.0) requires one-half inch strainers on commercial or industrial facilities.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Commercial volume facilities are required to have a trap or strainer system for one-half inch practical size in the discharge piping of the laundry area.
- Commercial volume facilities are defined as "Facilities designed to serving groups of people or families (apartment or community buildings) as their primary laundry area, or Commercial facilities designed for larger volume, or for profit operations".

In the event you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact the Salem Environmental Services Section at 503-588-6063.