



Standard Operating Procedures  
Tier 1 Veterinary Medical Center  
Laundry Maintenance

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**Introduction:**

It is the standard operating procedure of Tier 1 VMC to provide continuous upkeep of the hospital for both patients and clients.

**The procedures for laundry are as follows:**

**General Requirements:**

Laundry is separated into 2 separate baskets- general (towels, blankets, patient bedding) and SX laundry (gowns, drapes, towels etc.)

There are two separate washer and dryer sets for each type of laundry- keep all laundry in designated machines

General:

1. Shake all laundry out into the trash can before putting in washer
2. Separate towels and laundry into to separate piles, do not wash together
3. Do not pack the washer, leave a small amount of room for items to spin
4. Add laundry soap by pushing detergent and color safe bleach buttons on Taurus device
5. Turn on machine and press start (auto start settings)
6. Once washed, switch over to dryer- towels do not require a fabric softener sheet, blankets do
7. Turn on machine and press start (auto start settings)
8. Once dry fold and return to stock

Surgery:

1. Make sure to check for any debris, matter, etc. on the towels and gowns before putting them in the washer and shake out into trash can. Towels should be rinsed after surgery in COOL water (add hydrogen peroxide if necessary) to rinse blood out
2. All surgery laundry can be washed together, towels, gowns, drapes etc.
3. Do not pack the washer, leave a small amount of room for items to spin
4. Add laundry soap by pushing detergent and color safe bleach buttons on Taurus device



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5. Turn on machine and press start (auto start settings)
6. Once washed, switch over to dryer- SX laundry does not require a dryer sheet
7. After washing and drying all surgery laundry must be placed on a clean, sterile surface and lint rolled on both sides (gowns inside AND outside) then accordion folded.
8. Gowns should immediately be wrapped and autoclaved with a towel. Towels and drapes can be wrapped and stored on a sterile shelf until used for packs.