

Slow Dryer Troubleshooting Checklist for Halifax Homes

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DIY CHECKS (do these first)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lint trap: | Clean after EVERY load. A partial blockage cuts airflow by up to 40%. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Load size: | Never fill the drum more than 3/4 full. Overpacking traps moisture. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vent hose at back: | Check for kinks, crushes, or disconnections. Straighten any bends. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior vent flap: | Go outside and check the wall vent flap opens when dryer runs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vent hose length: | Should be under 25 feet total. Each 90-degree elbow = 5 feet equivalent. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moisture sensor bars: | Wipe the two metal strips inside the drum with rubbing alcohol. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dryer location: | Garages and cold rooms make the dryer work harder. Normal. |

CALL A TECH IF:

- X Gas dryer: drum turns but no heat (likely igniter or gas valve coils)
- X Electric dryer: no heat at all (likely heating element, thermal fuse, or breaker)
- X Dryer runs but shuts off after 10-15 minutes (thermal limiter tripping)
- X Loud rumbling or scraping noise from drum (drum bearing or glides worn)
- X You've cleaned the full vent run and it still takes 2+ cycles to dry

HALIFAX-SPECIFIC: VENT CLEANING SCHEDULE

Halifax humidity makes dryer lint cling harder to duct walls than in drier climates.

Clean the full vent run every 12 months if 1-2 person household.

Every 6 months if 3+ people or pets in the home.

Signs you need cleaning now: dryer feels hot on the outside, clothes smell musty, or drying time has increased gradually over the past few months.