

# ON-PREMISE LAUNDRY: YOUR COMPREHENSIVE CHECKLIST

## LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

It's important to minimise the travel distance from housekeeping to the laundry, in order to shorten trips for staff and improve labour efficiencies.

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## SIZE MATTERS

Sufficient space must be available in the laundry to allow for proper sorting, folding and storage of linen. Space around the machinery is vital for maintenance, service and access to water and energy connections.

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## DON'T FORGET YOUR UTILITIES

Laundries use a large amount of electricity, gas and water, and it's important to understand installation requirements in order to implement an on-premise laundry and then factor this into your budget. It should be confirmed the supplier only connects to services and doesn't provide them – this is up to the purchaser to implement.

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## HAVE GOOD CHEMISTRY

Your chemicals are the highest cost in your wash, and often work out to be four times higher than the purchase price of the washer. It's important, therefore, that you negotiate a low chemical cost per kg with a reputable supplier, in order to keep your wash costs low.

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## THINK HARD ABOUT WATER

Your water hardness is most commonly read in your Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) – a high TDS reading may mean you need to install a water softening system, as it can otherwise lead to you incurring high chemistry costs.

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## UTILISE AUTOMATION

Operating an on-premise laundry can sometimes cost more than outsourcing, due to a lack of automation in smaller laundries and higher labour costs per piece. When processing high volumes of towels and linen, it can save labour costs to invest in a towel folder and ironer with automated feeding and folding.

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## EMBRACE SYSTEMS

Considering the high electricity demands of tumble dryers, it may be worthwhile investing in a solar system in order to lower energy costs and save money. It's also important to consider installing a hot water system that will cope with peak washer demands – quickening cycle times and lowering labour costs.

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## MICROFIBRE CLOTHS & MOPS

To ensure long life of your microfibre cloths and mops seek reliable laundry machinery advise on the best washing machines available with preprogrammed cycles designed for microfibre washing. Facilities need to take control in-house of microfibre laundry, as the clothes and mops are expensive and are not suitable to outsource for washing.