



City of Gloucester **Board of Health** Regulations

For **Laundries** and **Laundromats**

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LAUNDRIES AND LAUNDROMATS

The Board of Health, at its regular meeting, held on June 28, 1979, unanimously voted to establish rules and regulations for Laundries and Laundromats located in the City of Gloucester.

The following requirements shall be met by both types of establishments:

- A.** That all laundries and laundromats located in the City of Gloucester shall be licensed annually by the Board of Health. Annual fee \$50.00.
- B.** That heater and/or boilers generating hot water for washing machines shall be able to obtain a temperature of 180° F and maintain the same. (Laundries only).
- C.** That linens and clothing from hospitals and nursing homes be washed at a temperature not less than 170° F. (Laundries only).
- D.** That linens and clothing from hospitals and nursing homes be washed entirely separate from linens and clothing from the general public. (Laundries only).
- E.** That linens and clothing from the general public shall not be washed in cold water. Water temperature shall be at least 145° F unless otherwise indicated by a label attached to the garment. (Laundries only).
- F.** That washing machines and dryers shall be kept clean and in good operating order.
- G.** That laundries and laundromats shall be kept clean and in good sanitary condition; this includes all storage areas.
- H.** That lint from dryers shall not be allowed to accumulate on machines, furnishings and floor areas.
- I.** That flooring in the vicinity of washing machines and dryers be covered with an impervious material such as tile, concrete, etc.
- J.** That laundries using caustic or other chemical materials (powder) shall keep them in plastic bags within a metal container.
- K.** That a "CAUTION" sign be posted in the working area concerning handling of caustic and acid materials and that rubber gloves, safety goggles and masks be made available to employees. (Laundries only).

- L. That all plumbing in laundries and laundromats meet the requirements of the Massachusetts State Plumbing Code.
- M. That all electrical facilities, wiring, switch boxes, junction boxes, etc., meet the requirements of the Massachusetts Electrical Code.
- N. That sewer discharge lines be kept clean, free of all grease, lint, and other substances that would cause blockages and backup.
- O. That Board of Health inspectors shall from time to time during working hours, inspect laundries and laundromats.

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