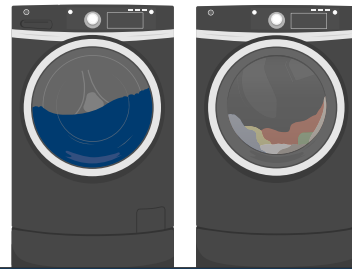


# WASHERS & DRYERS

Take this with you when you shop to help compare these essential appliances.



TYPE	SIZE	EXTRAS	SHOPPING TIPS
<b>WASHERS</b>			
TOP-LOADERS	27 to 28 inches wide; 30 to 35 inches deep; high-capacity may be larger	Automatic dispensers, extra rinse cycle, built-in sink, multiple tubs, mobile apps, and voice control	With high-efficiency top-loaders, perform the reach test: Can you reach to the back bottom edge of the drum to retrieve a sock while keeping your feet on the floor? If you aren't tall enough to touch, consider another model. Also, measure to make sure it will fit into your home.
FRONT-LOADERS	27 to 28 inches wide; 30 to 35 inches deep; high-capacity may be larger	Automatic dispensers, extra rinse cycle, built-in sink, multiple tubs, mobile apps, and voice control; most compact washers are front-loaders	Research door care and find recommended methods to keep the inside of the door free from debris or water. And: Don't forget measurements.
<b>DRYERS</b>			
STANDARD OR LARGE CAPACITY	27 to 28 inches wide; 30 to 35 inches deep; high-capacity may be larger	Moisture sensor, auto-dry cycles, extended tumble, steam; can be either electric or gas	Measure doorways, laundry room, and any other possible tight spaces (like a stairwell) you may have to maneuver through. If it will be under a counter, note the machine's height.
COMPACT	24 inches wide; height and depth vary	Most compact dryers are electric.	If you plan to stack, ask whether the parts needed to stack the pair are included. Not all are, and the kits for compact machines can cost from \$30 to \$200. Even though these are smaller, measuring is still key.
<b>BOTH WASHER AND DRYER</b>			
WARRANTIES	Most machines come with a 1-year warranty on parts and labor.	Extended warranties are offered as an add-on to most appliance purchases. Before buying, research reliability ratings, too.	Consider using a credit card that doubles the manufacturer's warranty.
STACKABLE	Full-size models are 27 or more inches wide; compacts are 24 inches wide; height varies	You will need to purchase a matching stackable pair in order to stack.	Ask for the additional stacking kit to stack the pair. If stacking, pedestals (for front-load machines) are not needed.

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