🏡 Tenant Success Tip: Protect Your Washer & Dryer

Did you know that small items like baby socks, underwear, washcloths, and clothing straps can sometimes slip into the washer's drain system and clog the drain pump?

To help prevent this, place small items in a **mesh laundry bag** before washing. These inexpensive bags keep small items together and help protect the machine.

Why It Matters:
A clogged drain pump can prevent the washer from draining properly and may require an expensive repair. A few simple habits can help keep the washer running efficiently and avoid unnecessary maintenance issues.

Other Washer Tips:
✅ Don't overload the washer—clothes need room to move and get clean.
✅ Check pockets for coins, keys, and other objects before washing.
✅ Use only the recommended amount of detergent.
✅ Leave the washer door or lid open after use so it can dry out and prevent odors.
✅ Run a cycle on hot with a Affresh cleaner tablet once a month. It helps remove detergent and fabric softener residue, mineral deposits from hard water, mold and mildew that cause musty smells, bacteria and grime hiding in hoses, pumps and the drum.

🧼 **Prevent Buildup & Odors:** Use vinegar in the rinse cycle instead of fabric softener. Or if you use fabric softener - use less than it suggests. Dryer Sheets can create a film in your dryer that over time will burn onto the drum and cause your clothes to smell and become damaged.

Wipe out the inside of your washing machine and dryer with warm water and a few drops of dish soap. For stubborn build up, use a Magic Eraser on the drum. Wipe with a cleaning cloth again and towel dry. Run a cycle with Affresh washing machine cleaner at least once a month to prevent mineral buildup.

🏠 **Future Homeowner Skill:** Taking care of appliances helps them last longer, reduces repair costs, and saves money over time.