

Basics in Establishing a Community Laundry Room

WHERE CAN COMMUNITY LAUNDRY ROOMS BE ESTABLISHED?

Multi-housing residences in either low- or high-rise apartment complexes, residence halls, condominiums, military housing, college residence halls, guest services and in-unit apartments.

WHY VENDED EQUIPMENT?

The high cost of operating multi-housing residential facilities makes the community laundry area particularly attractive. Depending upon the arrangement made with a laundry service company — commonly called a route operator which supplies the equipment — the cost of operating a laundry can be completely offset and can, under certain arrangements with the route operator, return a portion of the income obtained from the laundry equipment to an owner or manager of the housing facility.

WHO INSTALLS AND MAINTAINS THE EQUIPMENT?

The building management can retain the services of a Speed Queen route operator. In this arrangement the route operator provides, installs and maintains the equipment in the facility at his/her expense. The route operator will, under certain arrangements, return a percentage of the equipment income to management. Lease-purchase arrangements are also available through the route operator.

WHERE TO FIND A SPEED QUEEN ROUTE OPERATOR?

You can contact a Speed Queen route operator nearest you by using our Web site locator at www.speedqueen.com or by checking the classified pages of your telephone directory under "Washers and Dryers/Coin-Operated" or call 1-800-345-5649 for information. Look for the Speed Queen name.

WHAT ABOUT ENERGY CONSUMPTION?

Speed Queen equipment has been designed for energy conservation. All Speed Queen frontload washers have qualified for the ENERGY STAR® rating by exceeding the U.S. Department of Energy standards for commercial washers energy and water usage.



Our heavy-duty commercial washers are available in vertical (toploading) and horizontal axis (frontload) Horizon® models. These washers have special energy settings which lower water consumption and reduce hot water costs. These washers are designed with industry-leading high-speed extracts of 710 and 1,000 RPM on topload and frontload washers, respectively. This maximizes moisture removal for faster drying and less expense to the property owner.

Speed Queen single load and stacked dryers are efficient in fast drying and low energy consumption.

Check with a Speed Queen authorized route operator to find out if your utility consumption is as low as it can be. They can perform a Utility Cost Calculator Analysis for you.

HOW MUCH EQUIPMENT?

In planning and designing a laundry facility for multi-housing use, it is important to keep in mind the characteristics of the people who will occupy the building.

The type of multi-housing building will dictate whether the laundry equipment should be concentrated into one centralized area or smaller rooms spread throughout the property. It is important that the room(s) are planned with proper facilities for electric and gas hook-ups, water supply and drainage, as well as proper make-up air and dryer ventilation.

The following pages present our suggestions for the product types and amount of Speed Queen equipment required for sizing multi-housing properties. Specific situations demand the expertise of a qualified route operator so the proper equipment in the proper mix is provided for the residents' convenience.

