

# Clothing and TEXTILES

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## Clothing Care Symbols

MACHINE WASH	BLEACH	TUMBLE DRY	DRY	IRON	DRY CLEAN
<b>TEMPERATURE</b>		<b>HEAT SETTING</b>		<b>TEMPERATURE</b>	
Cool/Cold	Any Bleach (when needed)	No Heat	Line Dry/ Hang to Dry	(Dry or Steam)	Dry Clean
Warm	Only Non-chlorine Bleach (when needed)	Low	Drip Dry	Low	Do Not Dry Clean
Hot	Do Not Bleach	Medium	Dry Flat	Medium	
<b>CYCLE</b>		High	Dry in the Shade	High	
Normal		Any Heat	Do Not Dry	<b>OTHER</b>	
Permanent Press		<b>CYCLE</b>	Do Not Wring	No Steam	
Delicate/Gentle		Normal		Do Not Iron	
<b>OTHER</b>		Permanent Press			
Do Not Wash		Delicate/Gentle			
Hand Wash		<b>OTHER</b>			
		Do Not Tumble Dry			

Federal Trade Commission Care Symbols for Apparel



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**BASIC NEEDS**

## What is the Care Labeling Rule?

The Care Labeling Rule is the Federal Trade Regulation Rule that requires care labels to be affixed to most garments as a consumer protection from economic loss due to a lack of information on how to care for the product appropriately.




## Is there an International Care Labeling System?







No. The symbols shown above were designed with the intention of coordinating domestic care instructions with those of Canada and Mexico. Some symbols are similar to those used in other countries however there is not a unifying system as of yet.

## What Temperature is Meant by Cold, Warm and Hot?

For machine wash items with a cold symbol the initial water temperature should not exceed 30C or 65F to 85F. For machine wash items with a warm symbol the initial water temperature should not exceed 40C or 105F. For machine wash items a hot symbol the initial water temperature should not exceed 50C or 120F.

## Other Symbols:

DRY-CLEAN	
	Dry-Clean, Any Solvent
	Dry-Clean, Any Solvent except Trichloroethylene
	Dry-Clean, Petroleum Solvent Only

WASH	
	Initial water temperature should not exceed 30 degrees Celsius or 65-85 degrees Fahrenheit.
	Initial water temperature should not exceed 40 degrees Celsius or 105 degrees Fahrenheit.
	Initial water temperature should not exceed 50 degrees Celsius or 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
	Initial water temperature should not exceed 60 degrees Celsius or 140 degrees Fahrenheit.
	Initial water temperature should not exceed 70 degrees Celsius or 160 degrees Fahrenheit.
	Initial water temperature should not exceed 95 degrees Celsius or 200 degrees Fahrenheit.

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