

To: Natick Green Residents on Silver Hill

From: Natick Green Condominium Trust

Re: Dryer Venting Requirements

Date: July 26, 2010

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During a recent conversation with the Natick Building Inspector, we became aware of a dryer vent issue. You are receiving this notice because you are living in or own a condominium that was not designed with a dryer vent to the outside of the building. The State Building Code 780 CMR 65.00 "Exhaust Systems" states all dryers are to vent to the outside of the building with the exception of listed and labeled condensing (ductless) clothes dryers.

An approved dryer is one that has its condenser built into the machine which turns the dryer's water vapor to water and sends it down the discharge drain. While these condensing (ventless) dryers are less common, there are several models on the market and you may be interested in replacing your current machine as an option to installing an exterior vent. Please refer to your manufacturer's specification paperwork or tag on your dryer. If you do not have this type of machine or the vent does not exhaust to the outside of the building, you are being notified to cease use of the machine as it is in violation of Building Code. If you have a stackable washer/dryer combination machine, use of the washing machine is unaffected by these dryer vent issues.

Note – The installation of dryer vent kits is not acceptable because they do not meet the State Building Code 780 CMA 65.00 "Exhaust Systems".

The Trustees are formulating a "Dryer Vent Policy" to use as a reference for anyone with a dryer in their home. Included in this policy are modification guidelines should you want to vent the exhaust to the outside of the building.

Finally, we are pleased to inform you that we are in the process of remodeling both laundry rooms on the property. Included in this renovation are new front load washing machines and dryers, new floors, smart cards (instead of coins) and a fresh coat of paint. Once completed, we will celebrate with an educational party on how to use the new machines and smart card system.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office should you have any questions. Thank you for your attention.