

Detailed Laundry Machine Maintenance Procedure

To maintain the performance of your washing machine, avoid breakdowns and extend its life, regular maintenance is essential. Here is a complete procedure:

Monthly maintenance

1. **Deep cleaning with a vacuum cycle:**
 - Run a cycle at 60°C or 90°C no load to remove bacteria and accumulated residue.
 - Add one of the following:
 - **White vinegar** (250 ml) to descale.
 - **Soda crystals** (2 tablespoons) to dissolve fat.
 2. **Clean the rubber gasket:**
 - Use a damp cloth soaked in white vinegar to clean the joint.
 - Check the creases of the joint and remove any debris or mold.
 3. **Checking the water inlet filters:**
 - Disconnect the water inlet hoses.
 - Clean the filters at the end of the pipes to avoid clogs due to limescale or dirt.
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Quarterly Maintenance

1. **Cleaning the drain filter:**
 - Locate the drain filter (usually at the bottom of the machine, behind a hatch).
 - Place a container or mop to collect the remaining water.
 - Remove the filter, clean it with warm water and remove debris (hair, fibers, etc.).
 - Replace the filter.
 2. **Pipe Control:**
 - Inspect the inlet and outlet pipes for cracks, leaks, or wear.
 - Replace the hoses if necessary (usually every 5 years).
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Annual maintenance

1. **Intensive scaling:**

- If you live in an area with very hard water, use a specific descaling product once a year.
- Run a no-load cycle at 90°C with the product according to the manufacturer's instructions.

2. Professional inspection:

- If necessary, have your machine inspected by a qualified technician to detect and prevent potential problems.

Additional Tips

- **Use the right dose of detergent:**
 - Avoid overdosing on detergent to prevent deposits in ducts and pipes.
- **Favour eco cycles:**
 - Low-temperature cycles use less energy but can lead to deposits. Alternate with hot cycles to clean the machine.
- **Install a water softener:**
 - In case of hard water, a softener can reduce the limescale in the machine.