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Subject:	Minimum Size of Fixture Outlet Pipe for Laundry Tray
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## Question:

What is the minimum size of the fixture outlet pipe and trap serving a laundry tray that receives the discharge from a clothes washer?

## Interpretation:

A laundry tray that receives the discharge from a domestic clothes washer is permitted a minimum 1½" fixture outlet pipe and trap.

Table 2.4.9.3 provides the minimum permitted size of a fixture outlet pipe for various fixtures. A laundry tray is permitted a minimum fixture outlet pipe of 1½". Additionally, the Table provides a footnote, (1), in relation to a domestic clothes washer directing the user to Appendix A. Appendix A-Table 2.4.9.3. states, "When determining the hydraulic load on a pipe, no allowance need be made for a load from a domestic clothes washer when discharged to a laundry tray since the hydraulic load from the laundry tray is sufficient".

Further requirements for clothes washer standpipe installations are contained in Sentence 2.4.9.3.(3) which indicate that a difference exists when a clothes washer is drained to a laundry tray as opposed to having an individual connection point. The volume of liquid retention inherent to a laundry tray is clearly a factor to consider.

It is also important to ensure that the clothes washer standpipe minimum length of 600 mm is maintained as illustrated in Appendix A-2.4.9.3.(3).



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