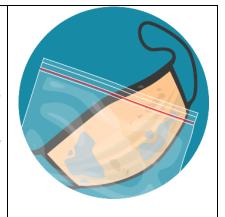


Storing & Washing Reusable Face Masks

Store wet or dirty masks in a plastic bag

If your mask is wet or dirty from sweat, saliva, makeup, or other liquids or substances, keep it in a sealed plastic bag until you can wash it. Wash wet or dirty masks as soon as possible to prevent them from becoming moldy. Wet masks can be hard to breathe through and are less effective than dry masks.



Store masks that are not wet or dirty in a paper bag

You can store your mask temporarily to reuse later. Remove your mask correctly and wash your hands after touching a used mask. Keep it in a dry, breathable bag (like a paper or mesh fabric bag) to keep it clean between uses. When reusing your mask, put the mask back on with the same side facing out. Be sure to wash or sanitize your hands again after putting your mask back on.



Wash your mask

Wash your cloth mask / reusable whenever it gets dirty or at least daily.

Masks can be washed:

- In your washing machine, using laundry detergent, along with your regular loads of laundry.
- By hand, using water and laundry detergent or soap. Be sure to rinse thoroughly to remove all detergent or soap.

After washing, masks can be dried:

- In a warm or hot dryer
- By hanging the mask in direct sunlight, hanging the mask up or laying it flat to allow it to completely dry.

For more information, go to:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wash-cloth-face-coverings.html