Introduction to Shabbat: Laundry

You may not wash or hang up wet laundry on *Shabbat* (or *Jewish festivals*). The *halachot* for drying laundry depend on whether you use a clothesline or a dryer:

Shabbat: Laundry: Clothesline
You may take down laundry on *Shabbat* only if it was dry before sunset on Friday, and only if you don't:

- Transfer the laundry from one *halachic* domain to another (*hotza'a*), or
- Give the impression that the laundry had been washed on *Shabbat* (*mar'it ayin*).

If laundry on a clothesline is still wet at sunset on Friday, the laundry is *muktza* and you may not take it down or use it during *Shabbat*. This is different from the case of a dryer.

REASON On the clothesline, there is no certainty that the laundry will dry during *Shabbat* (it might rain, it might be cold or cloudy...), so the person cannot have in mind that it will dry during *Shabbat*.

Shabbat: Laundry: Dryer
Laundry in a dryer (even if it was wet at sunset) that was turned on before sunset on Friday (or *Jewish festivals*) is not *muktza*, even if you do not intend to wear it. You may remove the dry laundry from the dryer on *Shabbat* as long as no light goes on.

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