

The Washer-Wall Shelf Height Sheet

Your exact measurements for perfectly spaced, functional laundry room shelving.

Upgrading your laundry room is infinitely easier with the right measurements. Use this guide to perfectly space your shelves, brackets, and drip-dry rod.

● Key Spacing & Depths

14 in

Upper shelf spacing above lower shelf

2.5 in

Drip-dry rod below the lowest shelf

12 in

Lower shelf depth for laundry baskets

10 in

Upper shelf depth for clear workspace

32 in

Bracket spacing hitting 16-inch wall studs

1/4 in

Gap behind plank for washer vibrations

Shelf zero: fold top

Rest a continuous sealed oak plank on a rubber mat across your front-loaders. This creates your baseline for vertical measurements and protects appliance enamel.



● Find Your Lowest Shelf Height

Find your row: **Your machine setup**

Your machine setup	Your pick	Why
Front-loading machines	18 in; measure from plank top	Fits tall jugs and baskets
Top-loading machines	3 in above open lid	Allows full lid clearance
Hookups above machines	Directly in front of valves	Hides plumbing, allows emergency shutoff

● Prep & Installation Sequence

- 1

Protect the wood finish Seal all 6 board sides with 3 coats of polyurethane, sanding 220-grit between. Cure 72 hours.
- 2

Pre-drill the wall studs Drill pilot holes into framing before driving heavy lag screws to prevent the wood from splitting.
- 3

Level the lowest shelf Place a long spirit level across installed brackets before attaching boards so detergent won't vibrate off.
- 4

Position the detergent jug Place heavy liquid detergent with its spigot past the edge for easy gravity-fed dispensing.

● Check Before You Build

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Verify bracket weight ratings on packaging for your heaviest detergent loads.
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Locate and mark your wall studs for secure heavy-duty bracket anchoring.
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Measure your specific laundry baskets to ensure they fit the lower shelf.
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Check your detergent jug's spigot length for proper lower shelf overhang.
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If placing a bracket between studs, source heavy-duty toggle bolts.

● Project Notes

Enjoy your beautifully organized, perfectly measured new laundry room workspace!