

To be labeled a high quality "down" a comforter (duvet) must contain at least 75% down cluster.

## Is this down comforter washable?

Yes, down comforters and pillows are washable. In fact, the method for cleaning down that is preferred by most manufacturers is to launder your down with water. Dry cleaning is not recommended. After all, geese do live in water.

Using a professional laundry service is ideal but these services may take up to two weeks and are very costly. Additionally, some laundry services use detergents that may be good for cleaning the down, but will not guarantee that any stains will be removed from the actual covering that protects the down. Therefore, the inside is clean but many of the stains remain on the outside.

This is why we have worked hard to bring you a down friendly cleaner that will remove difficult stains typical to down bedding. For years, we have manufactured only the finest specialty cleansers and Le Blanc® DOWNWASH® is no exception.

Its low- sudsing, neutral pH formula will gently yet thoroughly bathe the down while protecting its natural oils from drying out. Le Blanc® DOWNWASH® is safe for use on down comforters, pillows, jackets and other washable down products.

If your down is protected by a duvet cover, frequent washings are not necessary, but if it is not protected by a duvet or children and animals are present in the home, frequent washings is expected. Le Blanc® DOWNWASH® was precisely designed for this reason. You can now inexpensively launder your down as often as you need and have it back on your bed that same evening.

## CLEANING DOWN:

First, check the down for tears in the fabric that may cause the loss of down during the cleaning process. If the comforter is in good condition, then you may proceed with laundering it.

Smaller and lighter comforters, pillows, and jackets can be washed in a home washing machine. We only recommend laundering in a front -load (no agitator) washer to protect the stitching on the down from coming apart. If you do not own a front-loading machine, we suggest that you take it to a neighborhood laundry center.

Place the comforter in the machine, use the cold water setting and add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of DOWNWASH®. If you have a stain, pretreat the stain by following the directions on the bottle. Once the cleaning cycle is complete, you may dry the comforter in your home dryer.

## DRYING DOWN:

Drying time may vary depending on the size of the down. We suggest drying on low heat for several hours. This is much better for your down and will ensure that it is dry. High heat may cause scorching or may cause the down to lose its oils and resilience.

After an hour, check the comforter by pressing down on it. If it feels cold, clumpy or has an odor, it is not dry and you should continue the drying process.

During the drying cycle, we suggest to periodically take the comforter out of the dryer and shake it. This will redistribute and fluff the down.

Down must be dried completely. This is extremely IMPORTANT. If you do not properly dry your down it can become moldy and develop an odor.

## STORING DOWN:

After you have properly cleaned the down, it should be stored away from direct sunlight in a cool, dry place.

To store a comforter, we suggest first shaking it and then carefully folding it as many times as necessary. Wrap the comforter in a sheet or some type of breathable cotton bag. To prevent matting, avoid stacking other items on top of it.

- Do not store down in a plastic bag. This may cause the down fill to mildew.

Prior to washing, we always suggest following the care instructions on the tag of item being laundered.