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Students who want to do their laundry on the Lindenwood University campus will no longer have to save their quarters or swipe a credit card in order to clean their clothes.

According to Shane Williamson, dean of students and associate vice president for student life and diversity, the university has disabled the payment mechanisms on residence hall laundry machines so they will work free of charge during the 2018 spring semester. Williams said coin- or credit card-operated machines were unpopular with students, so Lindenwood University leadership is responding to the requests of students that they be eliminated.

“Student leadership in the form of the Lindenwood Student Government and the Residence Hall Association brought it to the attention of the administration that they’d like to see a change, and so it will be addressed,” said Williamson. “In addition, all of the current machines will be replaced with brand new machines. The replacement process will take approximately one month, but the machines will still be free, so ignore the credit card reader on the old machines.”

After the spring semester, the use of laundry facilities will be included in residence hall pricing. So, students won’t have to pay every time they do a load of dirty clothes. Williamson added that the new machines will be connected to a smartphone app that will allow students to determine when and where washing machines and driers are currently available.

“They won’t have to go to the laundry facility with their basket and hope they can find an open machine,” Williamson said. “It’s a pretty cool feature that will make life a little bit more convenient. We’re excited to be able to offer it.”