

DISHWASHER TIPS

There are four important factors for good wash performance in all areas of your dishwasher:

1. Loading & Unloading

- Top Rack - The top rack is for glasses, cups, and saucers.
- Cups and glasses fit best along the sides.
- This is also a good place for dishwasher-safe plastics and all kinds of odd-shaped utensils.
- All items should be placed facing down towards the spray arm.
- Do not block wash system parts, including spray arms and towers located in the lower and/or upper racks.
- Bottom Rack - Large items such as broiler pans and cookie sheets should go along the sides.
- Load platters, pots, and bowls along the sides, in corners, or in the back and at an angle so that water can come up, in, and around them.
- On most models, a wash tower rises through the center of the bottom rack during the cycle. Do not block the circular opening through which this tower rises.
- Some models have a mid-level spray arm - it is important not to block this arm. Spin the spray arm before each load to make sure it is free to rotate.
- Prior to loading and after unloading ensure the filter is clean and free of debris and food before each load to help reduce the risk for dishwasher odor.

2. Water Temperature & Drainage

- The entering water must be at least 120 degrees Fahrenheit and not more than 150 degrees Fahrenheit.
- The water temperature can be checked by calling in a work order to maintenance to verify water heater settings.
- Let the water run in the sink until it gets hot before you start the dishwasher.

3. Fresh Detergent

- It is important to keep your detergent fresh and dry.
- Discard detergent if it gets old or lumpy because old detergent may not dissolve and can leave a gritty residue.
- Store the detergent in a closed container.
- Do not put detergent into the dispenser until you're ready to wash dishes. It might not stay fresh or dry.

4. Rinse Aid

- Rinse Aids allow water to sheet off glass and dinnerware which prevents spotting and improves overall drying performance.