# DISHWASHER INFORMATION Troubleshooting Maintenance

If your unit has a dishwasher, please ensure you are operating it correctly. Any repairs that are due to operator error are a resident charge.

If you are unsure how to operate your dishwasher, you can ask your roommate, parent, guardian, relative or friend and have them give you a quick lesson. Below are some helpful tips and instructions as well, or you can contact our office for additional help.



#### SCRAPE FOOD OFF OF YOUR DISHES

Scrape as much food from your plate into the garbage or compost bin. Any food that is left on the dishes can clog the filter inside the dishwasher and potentially cause damage. Pre-rinsing dishes is another helpful practice. Most detergents that are on the market today work best if you run the dishwasher every day or two.

## DO NOT OVERLOAD

The water spray of your dishwasher must be able to reach all of the dishes in order to clean them. Make sure that nothing is blocking the water dispenser and the arm can freely spin. Confirm the detergent dispenser is not blocked and can easily open during the cleaning cycle. If the detergent cannot be released, your dishes will not get cleaned. Utensil holders, large dishes or racks can easily block the detergent dispenser and prevent it from opening.



### **USE THE RIGHT DETERGENT**



Only use detergent that is specifically made for use in a dishwasher. DO NOT USE DISH SOAP, SHAMPOO OR LAUNDRY DETERGENT. Too much detergent can potentially damage the washer.

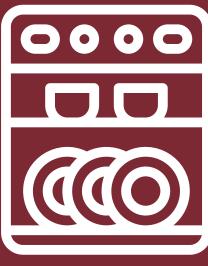
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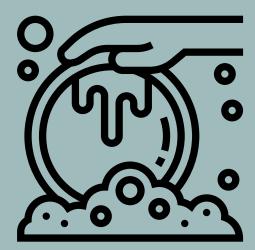
#### LOAD THE DISHWASHER PROPERTLY

**Bottom Rack:** Load plates and bowls so the dirty side faces the water spray. Pots, pans, and casserole dishes should angle down for best results. Always place large items on the side or back of the dishwasher.

<u>Utensils:</u> Most dishwashers have a utensil caddy. Watch out for utensils with long, thin handles, and confirm that smaller items are secure. Prevent forks and spoons from nesting by placing some of the handles up and others down.

**Top Rack:** Glasses, mugs, and cups should be placed between the tines, never on top of them. Plastic containers, large utensils, and serving spoons should be washed on the top rack. Ensure plastic items are secure so they do not fall onto the heating element as this can damage the container and the dishwasher. Repair is a resident charge.





### WASHING BY HAND

Not everything can be washed in a dishwasher. You must verify to make sure that the dish or container is dishwasher safe before you wash it in the dishwasher. **The dishwasher is no place for family heirlooms!** 

The following is a list of the most common items that should **NOT** go into a dishwasher:

Crystal; China; Milk Glass; Painted dishes; Glasses with painted prints; Knives and graters; Insulated cups, mugs and thermal glasses; Wood utensils, dishes, and cutting boards; Anything silver, silver plated, gold or gold plated; Disposable trays; Thin plastic containers; Cast iron pots and pans; Non-stick pots, pans and trays; Anything with a paper label; Anything aluminum.

## SMELLY DISHWASHER

Confirm that your dishwasher is completely empty and there are no food particles in the bottom of the dishwasher. Make sure the liquid detergent compartment is completely empty and free of detergent residue. Squeeze the juice of a lemon or orange into the detergent compartment and place a cup of distilled white vinegar on the top rack. Run the dishwasher while it is empty on the "Steam Dry" setting.





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