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DISHWASHER INFORMATION

If your unit is equipped with a dishwasher, please make sure you are operating it correctly. **Any repairs that are due to operator error are a tenant charge.** If you are unsure how to operate your dishwasher, please ask your roommate, parent, guardian, relative &/or friend and have them give you a quick lesson. If you are still unsure, please contact our office.

SCRAPE FOOD OFF OF YOUR DISHES QUICKLY

Scrape as much food into the garbage, as quickly as possible. The longer it stays on the dishes, the tougher it is to remove the food. Any food that is left on the dishes can clog the filter inside the dishwasher and cause damage. Repair will be a tenant charge. Pre-rinse dishes only if they are going to sit in the dishwasher for several days. Most detergents that are on the market today work best if you don't completely wash the dishes before loading.

DO NOT OVER LOAD OR STACK DISHES INSIDE THE DISHWASHER

The water spray must be able to reach all of the dishes to get dishes clean. 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.

LOAD THE DISHWASHER CORRECTLY

Bottom Rack: Load plates and bowls so that the dirty side faces the water spray. Pots, pans and casserole dishes should angle down for the best results. Always place large items on the side or back of the dishwasher. Do not load large items by the door because they can block the soap dispenser and prevent it from opening during operation.

Utensils: Most utensils should be washed on the bottom rack. Watch out for utensils with long, thin handles and confirm that small items (baby spoons) are secure. These items can slip through the cracks and/or prevent the spray arm from spinning. Prevent forks and spoons from nesting by placing some of the handles up and others down. This will allow all of the surfaces to get washed.

Top Rack: Glasses, mugs and cups should be placed between the tines – never on top of them. The tip of the prong can leave water marks on your glasses. Plastic containers, large utensils and serving spoons should also be washed on the top rack. Make sure your plastic items are secure or the water spray could cause them to fall onto the heating element. This will not only damage the plastic container, but can also damage the dishwasher. Repair is a tenant charge.

USE THE RIGHT KIND AND AMOUNT OF DETERGENT

Only use detergent that is specifically made for use in a dishwasher. **DO NOT USE DISH SOAP, SHAMPOO OR LAUNDRY DETERGENT IN A DISHWASHER.** Follow the directions on the container to make sure you are using the correct amount of detergent for the size and cleanliness level of the dishes. Extra detergent will not make the dishes cleaner. Too much detergent will actually leave a residue on the dishes. Repair will be a tenant charge.

USE A RINSE AID

Use of a rinse aid is highly recommended to not only reduce water spots, but it will also help to wash away food and detergent residues from the dishes.

USE THE RIGHT CYCLE

Choose the cycle that will clean your dishes without wasting extra water. Run some hot water in the sink right before starting the dishwasher. This will guarantee that the water in the dishwasher will start out hot.

NOT EVERYTHING CAN GO INTO A DISHWASHER

Not every container or dish can be washed in a dishwasher. It is very important that you verify to make sure that it is dishwasher safe before you wash it in the dishwasher. The dishwasher is no place for any family heirlooms!

The following is a list of the most common items that should never go into a dishwasher:

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

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE DISHWASHER SMELLS

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 liquid detergent compartment and run the dishwasher while it is empty. Choose the "Steam Dry" setting.

MAKE SURE THE DOOR IS SECURLY CLOSED

Sometimes the dishwasher door can be difficult to close. If it is not securely closed, it will not start. Before turning in a maintenance request, verify the door is actually closed!