

Tenant Tips for Convenience

Dishwashers and Disposals

Easy Use Options

Dishwasher and disposal malfunctions are inconvenient for tenants and repair calls are expensive for property owners. From a tenant perspective, it usually takes days to schedule a service call and often takes weeks to obtain replacement parts.

Outlined below are several maintenance tips for tenants that will assist tenants in having more trouble free appliance usage:

- Wipe your plate down and throw food in trash can; not into the dishwasher or disposal.
- Always place food gradually in the disposal with the disposal and hot water turned on.
- Do not overload the disposal all at once. Gradually feed food into the disposal.
- Take care to not let foreign material like plastic forks, metal utensils, or bones fall into the disposal.
- Always allow the disposal appliance and hot water to run at least 30 seconds before and after depositing food into the disposal.
- Always scrape food from dishes into trash can and rinse dishes in hot water before placing dishes in dishwasher.
- If not washing dishes immediately; scrape /scrub hardened food off the dishes before placing dishes in the dishwasher.
- Do not over load the dishwasher in a single cycle.
- Sometimes a disposal can be cleaned easily periodically by dropping ice gradually into the disposal while this appliance is running.
- Always secure all silverware in the proper basket before closing the dishwasher door in order to avoid silverware falling in the lower area of dishwasher.