

How to Load and Run a Dishwasher

Simple steps on how to use a dishwasher properly

Steps:

1. Scrape off all food and rinse dishes before you put them in the dishwasher. While many detergent manufacturers claim that it is not necessary to rinse dishes, the best practice is to rinse your dishes.
2. Position cookie sheets and large platters along the sides of the bottom rack so they don't prevent the water from reaching the other dishes.
3. Reserve the top rack for plastic items, glasses, and mugs. (Make sure that plastic items are dishwasher-safe.) Set plates and bowls in the bottom rack.
4. Be sure that glassware is put on the prongs. Loose glasses might break.
5. Place large items on the bottom rack.
6. Set silverware handles down, except for knives and forks, which should be handles up in the silverware basket.
7. Fill both dishwasher cups with dishwasher detergent.
8. Close door securely.
9. Choose a wash cycle appropriate to the load.
10. Choose a dry cycle. Air drying saves energy, but may cause spotting.
11. Start dishwasher.

Tips:

- Make sure that pot handles, knives and other items don't poke down to obstruct the sprayer arm.
- Never wash fragile items on the bottom rack.
- A dishwasher runs more efficiently if you wait until you have a full load to run a cycle.
- Don't use regular dish soap in your dishwasher, or you'll be cleaning up suds from your kitchen floor.

~Article on using liquid dish soap in dishwasher:

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