

Appliance/Tool Use: Dishwasher



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Name of Appliance/Tool: Dishwasher

Why am I going to use this appliance/tool?

A dishwasher is an appropriate appliance to use to wash glass, ceramic, metal and some plastic dishes or utensils. It is important to note if an item is “dishwasher safe.”

A dishwasher is an effective appliance for sanitizing dishes and utensils.

A dishwasher is not an appropriate appliance to use with wooden dishes or utensils.

What are the safety guidelines with this appliance/tool?

A dishwasher cleans dishes by using very hot water. At the end of the cycle, it is important to open the dishwasher with care so you are not burned by escaping hot steam. In the same way, take care when unloading hot dishes so as not to incur burns.

It is important to load dishes into the dishwasher in an organized fashion. If the dishwasher is overloaded or loaded improperly, dishes can break, resulting in broken glass and sharp pieces that can cause injury.

How do I use it? (list the steps)

1. I checked to see if the dishwasher was empty.
2. I threw away large pieces of food from the dishes.
3. I rinsed the dirty dishes off in the sink.
4. I soaked any dishes with stuck on food for 5 minutes.
5. I pulled out the bottom rack of the dishwasher.
6. I put all plates, pots and pans in the bottom rack in the slots.
7. I pulled out the top rack of the dishwasher.
8. I put all cups and bowls, facing down, in the top rack.
9. I put all utensils into the silverware basket.
10. I pushed both dishwasher racks back in.

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How do I use it? (list the steps) – continued

11. I put dishwasher detergent or pods into the dispenser and closed it.
12. I closed the dishwasher until I heard a click.
13. I started the dishwasher on a “normal cycle”.
14. After the cycle, I checked to make sure the dishes were clean and dry.
15. I put the clean dishes away.

How do I clean or care for this appliance/tool?

Wipe the outside of the dishwasher with a damp cloth and all-purpose cleaner.

Wipe the inside surfaces of the dishwasher with a damp cloth.

Remove any food particles or debris from the bottom of the dishwasher and wipe clean.

If the dishwasher fails to clean the dishes sufficiently, floods, makes loud noises or smells bad, have it serviced by a professional.

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