

Proper Care & Cleaning of Appliances

Garbage disposal:

1. Run cold water through garbage disposal and keep water running.
2. Turn on garbage disposal.
3. Gradually put food into garbage disposal.
4. Avoid hard objects such as chicken bones, steak bones, etc.
5. Avoid putting large pieces of food into garbage disposal. Remember, it has to fit into a very small hole at the base of the unit, about the size of a nickel.
6. Avoid putting bottle caps, glass, foil, rags, cigarettes, string, paper, or grease down garbage disposal. This will build up and cause clogging.
7. Avoid putting pasta, eggshells, or anything fibrous, (i.e. celery, artichokes, corn husks, potato peelings, carrots peelings) into the garbage disposal. These items stick to the side of the garbage disposal causing it to become clogged.
8. Allow garbage disposal to run 10 seconds after food clears.
9. Turn off garbage disposal.
10. Continue running water for 15 seconds more. This allows food to flush through.
11. Turn off water.
12. Run the garbage disposal a few minutes before running the dishwasher since the dishwasher drains through the garbage disposal.
13. If the disposal still does not operate, please email the management office and we will send someone out to repair the unit. Be advised – you will be charged for the service if a foreign object or misuse of the appliance causes malfunction of equipment.

Dishwashers:

1. Only use dishwasher safe dinnerware and utensils.
2. Only use dishwasher detergent. Do NOT use regular dish soap.
3. Rinsing your dishes before loading helps prevent the drain from clogging. If you have dishwasher safe plastic and wooden items, load them in the top rack only.
4. Leaving food on dishes can eventually clog the dishwasher, cause leaking, or the machine to malfunction. You will be charged for servicing, repair and/or replacement of the dishwasher if this occurs.
5. Do not place fragile glassware in the dishwasher, the jet action may cause breakage.
6. If you do not know how to operate the dishwasher, call us for instructions.

Do NOT put grease or food down your kitchen or bathroom sink or shower drains.

Do NOT flush grease or food down your toilets.

Do NOT throw grease or food outside in the yard – it will attract insects and small animals.

Refrigerator:

1. Do not turn it off or unplug it. Turn down the setting to low when on break.
2. If you put too much weight on the shelves, they will crack. You will be charged for replacement parts and installation time.
3. If you close the door with the crisper drawers open you will crack them. You will be charged for replacement parts and installation time.

Stove:

1. Your stove burners may smell funny and smoke a little bit if you have not used it for a long period of time – the cleaners, dust and food particles are burning off. Please monitor closely. If it continues to smell or smoke, turn OFF immediately and email LRPM a maintenance request.
2. Only use oven safe dishes.

Washer/Dryer:

1. After using the washer, leave the lid open to allow moisture to evaporate.
2. The wash basket is practically carefree -if you want to clean the basket, use a clean soft cloth dampened with liquid detergent, then rinse (do not use harsh or gritty cleaners).
3. To rinse, choose the largest load size, turn the cycle knob to any rinse setting and start the washer.
4. Do not overload the washer.
5. Overloading the washer or allowing the washer to become unbalanced can cause damage to the washer and you will be responsible for any such damage.
6. The lint filter in the dryer should be cleaned before each use. This helps the dryer operate efficiently. Lint must be removed from in and around the dryer (check behind the machine) to reduce fire hazards.
7. You should immediately wipe any spills or washing compounds on the washer and dryer. Wipe with damp cloth.
8. Do NOT hit the surfaces with sharp objects.
9. Dryer control panel and finishes may be damaged by some laundry pretreatment soil and stain remover products if such products are sprayed on or have direct contact with the dryer. Damages to the dryer from pretreatment products may result in charges to you.
10. Do NOT put shoes, boots or cleats in the laundry machines.
11. Do NOT put automotive rags, mats filters or any other automotive accessories in the laundry machines.