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Temperature - The single most important factor in getting good results is **HOT WATER!!** The water **must** be at least 130° to work effectively. This is documented by the major manufacturers of detergents, such as Proctor & Gamble. Otherwise, greasy films will occur, along with soap residues left on glassware, etc. Before you start your dishwasher, run hot water in your sink. Once the water is hot, start the dishwasher and turn off your kitchen faucet. If you do not do this, the first couple of wash cycles will have cold water in the tub, and this wastes time, energy and soap. Using the delay cycle is never a good idea, since you will be assured of a cold fill the first few cycles.



Dishwasher Tips - Every two months, run the unit with a quart of white vinegar added to the tank (no dishes or detergent for this!). This removes any deposits left behind in the tub, and actually helps keep the drain clear! You can add a pack of unsweetened lemon Kool-Aid to each load; this helps prevent hard water spots.

Use a rinse-aid, such as Jet-Dry, in your dishwasher. We recommend the **solid form** of the Jet-Dry, not the liquid. The liquid dispenser only injects a couple of drops of liquid into the unit at the end of the wash cycle. This does not take into account varying degrees of water hardness in different areas. The solid version is always working right thru the wash and rinse cycles. Hang it in the left front corner of the upper rack for the best distribution.

Don't pre-rinse your dishes before loading them in the dishwasher unless they are going to sit in the dishwasher for a long period of time. Food particles on the dishes actually help the detergent and drying agents clean better. Just scrape off food before loading your dishwasher.

Don't Over Crowd! It's something that's easier said than done. It's quite tempting to layer in one more bowl or plate to avoid hand washing. Just remember, it's easier to wash a few pieces by hand than it is to rerun an entire load because things were too tightly packed. Also, never cover the tower in the center of your dishwasher. This prevents water from reaching the top rack.

Detergents: Gel or Powder - Gel detergents are not the best solution for your dishwashing. They create more problems than they resolve. A few examples include:

- Gels contain chlorine bleach which can dissolve rubber seals and cause water leaks. Gels tend to cloud glassware, leaving a whitish film.
- Gels never really rinse off the interior
- Gels clog the detergent dispenser
- Gels don't work well in hard water. Always use powdered detergent or tablets! It makes a world of difference in the final results!