

# BUYING GUIDE

## DISHWASHERS

MAYTAG®

Maytag has the tools and information you need to make the best buying decision. Just follow these four easy steps.

### When You're Ready to Shop

Fill out the shopping checklist as a reminder of what you learn here.



## 1. KNOW WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU GETTING STARTED

Knowing what kind of dishwasher you want will help you narrow down the sea of in-store options to designs that are only compatible with your dishwashing needs.

**There are two basic types of dishwashers** – undercounter and portable. Although both types are functionally similar, each has different benefits and requirements. Your decision will depend on how your kitchen is (or will be) arranged.

### CONSIDER THESE THINGS:

- Are you replacing an existing dishwasher?
- Have you designated a cutout space for a new dishwasher?
- Will you regularly wash large or tall items?



Undercounter



Portable

### DESCRIPTION

These dishwashers are built into your kitchen cabinetry and are always connected to electrical and water for immediate use.

These dishwashers must be connected to a faucet when in use and can be rolled out of the way when you're done.

### BENEFITS

Most widely available dishwasher. Saves space. Offers the most features, options and tub capacities. Available in standard, tall-tub, or with steam options.

A flexible option for apartments or kitchens with limited cabinet space.

### REQUIREMENTS

First-time installations should be done by a professional.

Access to kitchen sink may be restricted while in use.

## 2. KNOW WHAT YOU LIKE FINISHES AND CONSOLE STYLES

Most dishwashers offer style options that allow you to create a customized look that blends with your kitchen. Ask a salesperson if these features are available on the dishwasher of your choice:

### Color:

Most models are available in white, black, biscuit or stainless. Some can also accept custom panels – called “trim kits” – to match your kitchen cabinetry.

### Console Styles:

Choose from integrated – to conceal controls for a streamlined look, or visible – for a traditional look.

## 3. KNOW WHAT COUNTS WHAT ARE YOU PAYING FOR?

Here are a few of the features that contribute to the cost of your new unit:

- **Tall-Tub Styles** – a compact motor makes more room for large pots and pans
- **Steam Option** – gently loosens residue for sparkling glassware
- **Sanitizing Options** – NSF International certified to eliminate 99.999% of food bacteria in a load
- **Temperature & Soil Sensors** – maintains temperature and monitors soil levels and water
- **Hard Food Disposers / Self-Cleaning Filters** – grinds and purges debris, so there’s no need to pre-wash
- **Sound Insulation** – dampens the sound of operation


The cost of use is a factor that many people forget to consider. An older or inefficient dishwasher may require more water and energy, meaning a new one can actually save you money!

### DID YOU KNOW?

- An ENERGY STAR® dishwasher uses only 4 gallons of water per load. \*
- Annually, an ENERGY STAR® dishwasher uses 5,000 fewer gallons of water than hand washing.
- Units made before 1999 may not meet current Department of Energy usage guidelines.

\*Sourced from: <http://www.energystar.gov>

### LOOK TO SAVE MONEY IN THE LONG HAUL WITH:

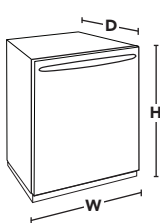
-  An ENERGY STAR® qualified model. These units are 25% more efficient and reduce usage costs.
- An extended warranty. Most models come with a 1-year warranty.

## 4. KNOW YOUR DIMENSIONS MEASURE NOW, NOT LATER

No one wants to bring home a dishwasher that doesn’t fit or connect where it should. Take the following steps to ensure your purchase goes smoothly:

### DO IT YOURSELF:

- **Measure the height, width & depth** of the designated cutout space in your kitchen (for portable dishwashers, measure the area where it will be stored between uses).



Here’s how to measure:

- W:** side to side (most dishwashers are 24” wide)
- D:** back to front (most dishwashers are 25” deep)
- H:** top to bottom (most dishwashers are 34”-36” tall)

**NOTE:** Some models offer adjustable leveling legs to accommodate varying counter heights.

- **Measure the clearance** of doorways, hallways and other points of entry that will be used to deliver your new dishwasher.

### PHONE IT IN:

The following tasks should not be attempted without the help of an appropriate professional if you lack the experience or tools to do it alone.

- **Confirm that electrical output is sufficient** for the location where your new dishwasher will be stored.  
*You will need:*
  - A grounded outlet (no extension cord or adaptor)
  - A separate 15-amp circuit
- **Contact a professional installer** for a first-time undercounter installation. New installations require significant carpentry, electrical and plumbing skills.
- **Decide how you will dispose** of your old dishwasher.
  - Some retailers offer removal of your old dishwasher with delivery of your new one
  - Dishwashers in good condition may be donated to charity