



Dishwashers

When you get ready to shop for your new dishwasher, be sure to narrow down your choices by considering the questions below. You can even print this questionnaire out and take it with you when you visit showrooms.



Shopping for Dishwashers: Questions to Ask Yourself

1. Style-wise, am I interested in a modern, streamlined design? Do I like features like controls that are hidden?
2. Would I like the front of my new dishwasher to match my cabinetry? Would I like one that can include a kit to trim it with cabinet matching panels on the front?
3. Will I be placing my dishwasher in the same place as my old one? Do I need to keep it the same dimensions? If so, what are my current dishwasher's dimensions?
4. If I do not currently have a dishwasher, or I am placing the new one in a different area, does that area accommodate the machine well? Will I be able to open cabinets and doors fully? Is there space for plumbing to be connected?
5. If I am making use of a small space, do I need to consider dishwasher options that are small, portable, or compact? Would I like a countertop style dishwasher or one that fits under the sink?
6. Is noise a concern? Do I need a dishwasher that runs quietly so that it will not disturb others?
7. Do I have a baby or family with allergies? Will I need a dishwasher made to sanitize? Am I looking for an appliance that will dispose of food and one that can include a scrub cycle?
8. Am I willing to pay extra cost for my new dishwasher in order to choose energy and water conserving options?
9. Is bending over to load and unload my dishwasher a problem for me? Would I like one that is drawer loaded or raised?
10. What type of dish loads will I be washing? Do I need a commercial sized dishwasher or multiple machines? Am I more interested in a smaller, compact dishwasher for smaller loads?