

Dishwashers



Optional Water Efficiency Measure: May contribute to the 30 percent water efficiency requirement, depending on the chosen WaterSense® Approved Certification Method (WACM).



UNDERSTAND

- WaterSense recommends that dishwashers, including those in common areas of multifamily buildings, be ENERGY STAR® certified. These models use 3.2 gallons of water per cycle (gpc) or less, which is at least 30 percent less than dishwashers meeting the federal standard of 5.0 gpc.
- ENERGY STAR certified models include several innovations that reduce energy and water consumption and improve performance. For example, dishwashers with an auto-sensing cycle have a soil sensor that tests how dirty dishes are throughout the wash and adjusts the cycle to achieve optimum cleaning with minimum water and energy use.
- The ENERGY STAR criteria are based on specific energy and water consumption levels. The maximum energy consumption is measured in kilowatt hours per year (kWh/year) and the maximum water consumption is measured in gpc.
- ENERGY STAR criteria vary based on standard or compact-sized dishwashers.



BUILD

- **SPECIFY** ENERGY STAR certified dishwashers and confirm that they have been labeled by using the ENERGY STAR Product Finder at www.energystar.gov/productfinder/.



VERIFY

- **VERIFY** the appliance's make, model, and water consumption in gpc through either of the following:
 - Refer to the product specification sheet.
 - Search the ENERGY STAR Product Finder.

**NOTE: Consult with the Home Certification Organization for specific verification protocols.*



Advantages of ENERGY STAR

Dishwasher technology has improved dramatically over the last decade, and new ENERGY STAR certified models include several innovations such as soil sensors, improved water filtration, more efficient jets, and dish rack designs that reduce energy and water consumption and improve performance.

A standard-sized ENERGY STAR certified dishwasher can save homeowners about 3,800 gallons of water over its lifetime.

Using an ENERGY STAR certified dishwasher can also result in notable water savings compared to washing dishes by hand.

Learn More



Check out the ENERGY STAR Dishwashers web page at www.energystar.gov/products/dishwashers for more information.

