COMPACTORS
Use & Care Guide
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COMPACTOR SAFETY

Your safety and the safety of others are very important.

We have provided many important safety messages in this manual and on your appliance. Always read and obey all safety messages.

This is the safety alert symbol.
This symbol alerts you to potential hazards that can kill or hurt you and others.

All safety messages will follow the safety alert symbol and either the word “DANGER” or “WARNING.”

These words mean:

DANGER: You can be killed or seriously injured if you don’t immediately follow instructions.

WARNING: You can be killed or seriously injured if you don’t follow instructions.

State of California Proposition 65 Warnings:
WARNING: This product contains one or more chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer.
WARNING: This product contains one or more chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING: When using an electrical appliance, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

■ Read all instructions before using the compactor.
■ Close supervision is necessary when used by or near children. Do not allow to be used as a toy, or to run unattended at any time. Lock Key Switch when not in use and store key out of reach of children.
■ Do not touch moving parts.
■ Do not operate with a damaged cord set, plug, motor, or after damage in any manner. Have the compactor examined, repaired or adjusted by an authorized serviceperson.
■ Use only for intended use as described in this manual. Do not use other than manufacturer’s recommended attachments.
■ Do not compact toxic or volatile flammable material such as oily rags and insect sprays. Do not compact lighted cigarettes, cigars, or other hot or burning items. Do not overload the compactor.
■ Do not take apart the compactor. Incorrect reassembly can cause electric shock when subsequently used.
■ Handle a loaded trash bag with care. Sharp objects can pierce the bag and cause injury. Do not overload trash bag with heavy material such as glass.
■ This compactor is intended for household use only.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Installer: Leave Use and Care Guide with the homeowner.
Homeowner: Keep Use and Care Guide for future reference and for local electrical inspector’s use, if required.

Unpacking

**WARNING**

*Excessive Weight Hazard*
*Use two or more people to move and install compactor.*
*Failure to do so can result in back or other injury.*

**IMPORTANT:**
- Do not grasp console to move compactor.
- Begin in the room where the compactor will be located.

1. Remove compactor from shipping carton.
2. Remove all packaging materials such as tape and shipping pads.
3. Use a mild detergent and warm water to remove waxy residue caused by shipping material.
4. Dry thoroughly with a soft cloth. For more information, see “Cleaning.”
5. Be sure the power cord is attached to the cord clip on the rear of the compactor.

6. Place the 2 corner posts from the carton on the floor near the compactor.
7. Open the compactor drawer and remove any shipping materials or other items from the drawer.
   **NOTE:** Do not remove the compactor bag.
8. Grasp the handle and raise the front of drawer until it clears the drawer stops.
9. Grasp sides of drawer and lift drawer out of compactor.
10. Place the drawer on the 2 corner posts.
11. Place the other 2 corner posts on the floor to the side of the compactor.
12. Grasp the sides of the compactor cabinet and put compactor on its side on top of the corner posts.
13. Remove the shipping base from the bottom of the compactor.

**Location Requirements**

**Product Dimensions**

- **A.** Leveling legs
- **B.** Shipping base

**Cutout Dimensions**

- **A.** Grounded electrical outlet must be a minimum of 3” (7.6 cm) away from surrounding cabinets or nearby walls as shown. It can be placed either to the left or the right side of the product.
Clearance Dimensions

Electrical Requirements

WARNING

Electrical Shock Hazard
Plug into a grounded 3 prong outlet.
Do not remove ground prong.
Do not use an adapter.
Do not use an extension cord.
Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, fire, or electrical shock.

Recommended Grounding Method

This compactor is for use on a single phase, 115-volt, 60 Hz, AC only, 15- or 20-amp fused and properly grounded circuit and is equipped with a grounding plug as shown below. It is recommended that a separate circuit serving only this appliance be provided.

A. Leave 6" (15.2 cm) of clearance space to the right side of the compactor in order to remove the compactor bags.
B. Leave 23" (58.4 cm) of clearance in front of the compactor in order to fully open or remove the compactor drawer.

Freestanding and Undercounter Installation

NOTE: Proper installation is your responsibility. Make sure you have everything necessary for correct installation. It is the personal responsibility and obligation of the customer to contact a qualified installer to assure that electrical installation meets all national and local codes and ordinances.

Tools Needed
Gather the required tools and parts before starting installation.

- Level
- Phillips No. 2 screwdriver
- Tape measure
- Flat-blade screwdriver
- ⁵⁄₁₆" hex-head wrench
- Scissors
- Utility knife

IMPORTANT:
- Do not grasp control panel to move compactor.
- Slide compactor onto cardboard or hardboard before moving compactor across floor to avoid floor covering damage.
- Do not allow the rear frame of the compactor to touch the floor covering when lifting or moving compactor.

Freestanding Installation

1. Use pliers to lower leveling legs away from cabinet.
2. With the drawer still removed from the compactor cabinet, place level inside on the floor of the cabinet. Check that the compactor is level from front to back and side to side.
3. Adjust the leveling legs until the compactor is level.
4. Move the compactor close to its final location.
5. Plug into a grounded 3 prong outlet.
6. Slowly move compactor into its final position.
7. Check that compactor is still level. Repeat Step 1 if necessary.
8. Grasp sides of compactor drawer and place bottom of drawer into tracks.
9. Lift at the handle so drawer will go over drawer stops.
10. Close drawer.
11. Check to see whether drawer opens freely. If the toe plate rubs against floor, see “Adjusting the Toe Plate” for further instructions.

NOTE: Do not connect the green (or green and yellow) wire to a live terminal.
Undercounter Installation

**NOTE:** Installation hardware is not provided. See “Accessories” for ordering conversion kit.

1. Measure the height of your kitchen cabinet opening. The top of the compactor should be at least \( \frac{1}{8} \)" (3 mm) from the top of the kitchen cabinet opening.
   
The rear wheels are preset for a kitchen cabinet opening height of 34\( \frac{1}{4} \)" (87 cm) (position 1).
   
   To adjust for other kitchen cabinet opening heights:
   - Loosen self-tapping screw enough to clear stud from hole in position 1.
   - Move the rear wheel and stud to position 2 or 3 as needed for your kitchen cabinet opening measurement:
     - Position 2: 34\( \frac{1}{4} \)" to 34\( \frac{7}{16} \)" (87 to 87.5 cm)
     - Position 3: 34\( \frac{7}{16} \)" to 34\( \frac{5}{8} \)" (87.5 to 88 cm)
   
   **NOTE:** To level the unit in position 3, you may need to add shims under the front leveling legs.
   - Tighten screw.
   - Repeat for other rear wheel.

2. Use pliers to lower leveling legs away from compactor cabinet.

3. Adjust legs so there will be a \( \frac{1}{8} \)" (3 mm) to \( \frac{1}{4} \)" (6.4 mm) space between the top of the compactor and the top of the kitchen cabinet opening.

4. Stand the compactor upright.

5. Remove the plastic plugs from the compactor cabinet top.

6. Move the compactor close to its final location.

7. Plug into a grounded 3 prong outlet.

8. Determine whether you want the compactor cabinet or drawer front flush with the kitchen cabinet face.
   
   **Using 2 - #8 - 18 x \( \frac{1}{8} \)" mounting screws (provided in conversion kit), attach the retaining brackets (provided in conversion kit) to the countertop with the mounting screws.**

   **NOTE:** If retaining brackets cannot be attached to the underside of countertop, attach mounting clips (provided in conversion kit) to retaining brackets. Fasten compactor to kitchen cabinet face with mounting screws through the mounting clips.

9. Slowly lift the front slightly and roll compactor into the kitchen cabinet opening.

10. **Using 2 - #8 - 18 x \( \frac{1}{8} \)" mounting screws (provided in conversion kit), fasten the retaining brackets (provided in conversion kit) to the countertop with the mounting screws.**

Cabinet-face Mounting

11. Grasp sides of compactor drawer and place bottom of drawer into tracks.

12. Lift at the handle so drawer will go over drawer stops.

13. Close drawer.
14. Check to see whether drawer opens freely. If the toe plate rubs against floor, see “Adjusting the Toe Plate” for further instructions.

**Adjusting the Toe Plate**

If the toe plate rubs the floor covering, the toe plate clearance may be changed as follows:

1. Mark on each side of the toe plate the amount of toe plate that rubs the floor covering.
2. Remove the drawer from the unit. See Step 3 in the “Unpacking” section.
3. Use a ruler and a pencil or chalk to draw a line between the marks on each side of toe plate.
4. Use scissors or utility knife to cut toe plate along line.
5. Replace drawer. If toe plate still rubs floor covering, repeat steps 1 to 4.

**Changing the Decorative Panel**

**Trimless Panel with Handle**

**Dimensions**

Use these dimensions drawings to create a custom panel for use without a trim kit. The panel should be $\frac{1}{2}$" to $\frac{5}{8}$" (13 mm to 16 mm) thick.

**NOTE:** A thicker panel may need rounded front corners and a cutout for access to the handle.

![Diagram of Trimless Panel with Handle](image)

**Installation**

1. Remove the mounting screws attaching the foot pedal to the compactor. Remove foot pedal.

2. Remove mounting screws attaching the toe guard to the compactor. Remove toe guard.
3. Remove the mounting screws attaching the decorative panel to the compactor. Remove decorative panel and discard mounting screws.
4. Align the bottom of the custom panel with the bottom of the drawer front.
5. Secure the panel from the back using four #8 x 1" wood screws as shown.
6. Reinstall the toe guard using the existing screws and $\frac{1}{2}$" (13 mm) washer. Then, reinstall the foot pedal.

**Trimless Panel without Handle**

**Dimensions**

Use these dimension drawings to create a custom panel for use without a trim kit. The panel should be $\frac{1}{2}$" (13 mm) minimum thick.
**Installation**

1. Remove the mounting screws attaching the foot pedal to the compactor. Remove foot pedal.

2. Remove mounting screws attaching the toe guard to the compactor. Remove toe guard.

3. Remove the mounting screws attaching the decorative panel to the compactor. Remove decorative panel and discard mounting screws.

4. Align the bottom of the custom panel with the bottom of the drawer front.

5. Secure the panel from the back using four #8 x 1" wood screws as shown.

6. Attach a 15" (38.1 cm) x ½" (13 mm) quarter-round filler along the top of the drawer front using glue or screws.

7. Reinstall the toe guard using the existing screws and ½" (13 mm) washer. Then, reinstall the foot pedal.

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**COMPACTOR USE**

**How Your Compactor Works**

The compacting ram is the part of the compactor which compresses the trash. The compacting ram does not go to the bottom of the drawer. You will not see compacting of trash the first few times you load the compactor.

**NOTE:** The compactor drawer should be more than ½ full before the compactor can begin to compress the load.

You may hear a noise when glass breaks. Strong glass bottles may not break at all. The trash in a full compactor bag will be about ¼ the size of its original bulk.

**Loading**

**IMPORTANT:** Do not push items down into compactor with hands or feet.

**NOTE:** You will not see compacting of trash the first few times you load the compactor. The compactor drawer should be about ½ full before the compactor can begin to compress the load.

1. Open the drawer. Lift and pull the handle or press the foot pedal to open the drawer.

**NOTE:** Pressing the foot pedal opens the container only 3" to 6" (7.6 cm to 15.2 cm), depending on the load.

Load bulky trash, bottles, and cans in the center of the drawer. Bottles or cans not placed in the center may become caught between the ram and the drawer. The Drawer Monitor Switch then senses a “misload” and causes the ram to return to the “up” position without compacting.
2. Place trash in compactor.
   ■ Wrap or cover wet or messy trash.
   ■ Do not compact items that may develop offensive odors such as raw meat, fish, grapefruit rinds, disposable diapers, or personal hygiene items.
   ■ Load bottles or cans on their sides in the center of the drawer. Do not load bottles in an upright position.

3. Close the drawer.

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**Starting the Compactor**

Depending on your model, you may have a single control (Style 1) or a dual control (Style 2) compactor.

**Style 1**

**To Start and Stop the Compactor**

1. To start the compactor, turn the Key-Knob to START and then let go. The compactor will automatically stop at the end of the cycle.

   ![Diagram](image1)

2. To stop the compactor during a cycle:
   ■ Turn the Key-Knob to LOCK/OFF.
   ■ Then turn the Key-Knob to ON so the compacting ram will rise.
   ■ When the ram stops rising, you can open the drawer.

**To Remove the Key-Knob**

1. Turn the Key-Knob to the LOCK/OFF position.
2. Remove the Key-Knob and store it out of children’s reach.

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**Style 2**

**To Start and Stop the Compactor**

1. To start the compactor:
   ■ Turn the Key-Switch to ON.
   ■ Press ON.

   ![Diagram](image2)

2. To stop the compactor during a cycle:
   ■ Press OFF.
   ■ Press ON. The compacting ram will rise. When the ram stops rising, you can open the drawer.

**To Remove the Key-Switch**

1. Turn the Key-Switch to the OFF/LOCK position.
2. Remove and store key out of children’s reach.

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**Removing a Filled Bag**

When the trash is compacted to the top of the drawer, remove the bag. If the bag is too heavy, compact less trash before emptying it in the future.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not push items down into compactor with hands or feet.

1. Pull the drawer completely open.
2. Remove top of bag from bag retainer buttons. Pull up all 4 bag cuffs. Close bag with twist tie provided.

   ![Diagram](image3)


   ![Diagram](image4)

4. Lift out bag.
Installing a New Bag

Do not use any kind of bag other than those designed especially for use in your compactor. Order replacement compactor bags through your local dealer or by calling the toll-free number on the cover or in the "Assistance or Service" section.

IMPORTANT:
Before installing a new bag, be sure:
■ The drawer side is securely locked.
■ The container is clean and free of debris.

1. Place folded bag into the drawer. Open bag and pull top edges over the drawer top.
2. Lock bag in place by pulling the 4 prepunched holes over the bag retainer buttons. Holes will expand over the buttons without damaging the bag.
3. Press inside of bag against the drawer bottom, sides and corners for a smooth fit.

COMPACTOR CARE

Your new compactor is designed to give you many years of dependable service. However, there are a few things you are expected to do in order to properly maintain your compactor. This section will tell you how to clean and care for your compactor.

Cleaning

Before cleaning the compactor, turn the Key-Knob (or Key-Switch) to the OFF & LOCK position and remove it.

NOTE: Any services other than those outlined in this section should be performed by a designated service representative.

Cleaning Exterior Surfaces

1. Wash exterior surfaces (including stainless steel) with a clean sponge or soft cloth and a mild detergent in warm water. Do not use abrasive or harsh cleaners. Rinse and dry thoroughly with a soft cloth.
2. Wipe up spills right away. Some foods can damage the finish if left on the compactor surface.

Cleaning Inside the Drawer

NOTE: You may want to wear gloves since there may be bits of glass in the drawer.
1. Remove the bag. See "Removing a Filled Bag."
2. Press down on the lever-action lock (or Side-Lock latch).
3. Hold the lever-action lock down and tilt the side of the drawer out until the lock clears the drawer front.

NOTE: If desired, the drawer side can be removed by tilting it up, then lifting it out.

4. Wash the interior of the drawer with a clean sponge or soft cloth and a mild detergent in warm water. Rinse and dry thoroughly with a soft cloth.
5. If the drawer side was removed, slide it back into the tilted position.
6. Press the lever-action lock (or Side-Lock Latch) down while pushing the drawer side to the upright position.
7. Latch the drawer side by pushing up the lever-action lock (or Side-Lock Latch).

Cleaning Inside the Cabinet

NOTE: You may want to wear gloves since there may be bits of glass in the cabinet.
1. Pull the drawer out until it stops.
NOTE: Look to see how the drawer rollers move in the tracks. It will be easier to replace the drawer after you have finished cleaning.

2. Lift the front of the drawer to clear the stops.
3. Grasp the drawer on the sides and pull it out the rest of the way. Set the drawer down gently.

4. Vacuum the inside of the cabinet. Liquid spills or wet trash should be cleaned up by hand, or by using a vacuum cleaner designed to pick up liquids.

5. Wash the inside of the cabinet with a clean sponge or soft cloth and a mild detergent in warm water. Rinse and dry thoroughly with a soft cloth.
6. To replace the drawer, grasp it by the sides and insert the rollers onto the tracks.
7. Lift the front of the drawer and push it in fully past the stops.

Cleaning the Ram

NOTE: You may want to wear gloves since there may be bits of glass on the ram cover.
1. Wipe glass particles off of the ram cover with a cloth or paper towels.
2. Remove foods with a clean sponge or soft cloth and a mild detergent in warm water. Rinse and dry thoroughly with a soft cloth.

Cleaning Before a Vacation

If you will be away for more than a couple of days, remove the compactor bag. Remove the Key-Knob (or Key-Switch) and store it out of children’s reach.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Try the solutions suggested here first in order to avoid the cost of an unnecessary service call.

Trash is not compacting

- Is the drawer less than half-full? Drawer must be more than half full before trash is compacted.

Your compactor won’t operate

- Is the power supply cord unplugged? Plug into a grounded 3 prong outlet.
- Has a household fuse blown, or has a circuit breaker tripped? Replace the fuse or reset the circuit breaker. If the problem continues, call an electrician.
- Is the drawer completely closed? Close the drawer firmly and start the compactor again.
- Is the Key-Knob turned all the way to START? Turn the Key-Knob (Key-Switch) fully to START and release (on some models). See “Starting the Compactor.”
- Did you press ON before pressing START? Press ON before pressing START (on some models). See “Starting the Compactor.”

The drawer won’t open

- Is the ram all the way up? Drawer will open only when ram is fully raised.
  To raise the ram on models with a Key-Knob (or Key-Switch): Turn the Key-Knob (Key-Switch) to START and release. See “Starting the Compactor.”
  To raise the ram on models with push button controls: Press OFF, and then press ON. See “Starting the Compactor.”
- Is the Solid Cycle engaged? Drawer remains LOCKED until you reset by lifting the foot pedal up.

There is not enough compaction or force

- Do you use the compacting cycle frequently enough? Compacting works best when only a few items are loaded.

Bottles don’t break

- How often do you notice this? Bottles will not break every time. The thickness of the bottle’s glass and the content of the trash load below it may keep the bottle from breaking.
ASSISTANCE OR SERVICE

Before calling for assistance or service, please check “Troubleshooting.” It may save you the cost of a service call. If you still need help, follow the instructions below.

When calling, please know the purchase date and the complete model and serial number of your appliance. This information will help us to better respond to your request.

If you need replacement parts

If you need to order replacement parts, we recommend that you only use FSP® factory specified parts. These parts will fit right and work right because they are made with the same precision used to build every new WHIRLPOOL® appliance.

To locate FSP® factory specified parts in your area, call us or your nearest designated service center.

In the U.S.A.

Call the Whirlpool Customer eXperience Center toll free: 1-800-253-1301 or visit www.whirlpool.com.

Our Consultants Provide Assistance With:

■ Features and specifications on our full line of appliances.
■ Installation information.
■ Use and maintenance procedures.
■ Accessory and repair parts sales.
■ Specialized customer assistance (Spanish speaking, hearing impaired, limited vision, etc.).
■ Referrals to local dealers, repair parts distributors and service companies. Whirlpool designated service technicians are trained to fulfill the product warranty and provide after-warranty service, anywhere in the United States.

For Further Assistance

If you need further assistance, you can write to Whirlpool Corporation with any questions or concerns at:

Whirlpool Brand Home Appliances
Customer eXperience Center
553 Benson Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022-2692

Please include a daytime phone number in your correspondence.

In Canada

Call the Whirlpool Canada LP Customer eXperience Centre toll free: 1-800-807-6777 or visit our webpage www.whirlpool.ca.

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For Further Assistance

If you need further assistance, you can write to Whirlpool Canada LP with any questions or concerns at:

Customer eXperience Centre
Whirlpool Canada LP
200 - 6750 Century Ave.
Mississauga, Ontario L5N 0B7

Please include a daytime phone number in your correspondence.

Accessories

To ensure the proper functioning of your compactor, use FSP® factory specified parts only. To order replacement parts or accessories, call 1-800-253-1301 and ask for the appropriate part number listed below or contact your authorized Whirlpool dealer. In Canada, call 1-800-807-6777.

■ Replacement Bags: Call to get Part Number.
■ Installation Hardware for Conversion Kits:
  Part Number 9870118
WHIRLPOOL® COMPACTOR WARRANTY

ONE-YEAR FULL WARRANTY ON COMPACTOR

For one year from the date of purchase, when this compactor is operated and maintained according to instructions attached to or furnished with the product, Whirlpool Corporation or Whirlpool Canada LP will pay for FSP® factory specified parts and repair labor costs to correct defects in materials or workmanship. Service must be provided by a Whirlpool designated service company.

Whirlpool Corporation or Whirlpool Canada LP will not pay for:

1. Service calls to correct the installation of your compactor, to instruct you how to use your compactor, to replace household fuses, or to correct household wiring.
2. Repairs when your compactor is used in other than normal, single-family household use.
3. Pickup and delivery. Your compactor is designed to be repaired in the home.
4. Damage resulting from accident, alteration, misuse, abuse, fire, flood, improper installation, acts of God, or use of products not approved by Whirlpool Corporation or Whirlpool Canada LP.
5. Repairs to parts or systems resulting from unauthorized modifications made to the appliance.
6. Replacement parts or repair labor costs for units operated outside the United States or Canada.
7. Charcoal filters.
8. In Canada, travel or transportation expenses for customers who reside in remote areas.

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION OU WHIRLPOOL CANADA LP SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES

Some states or provinces do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so this exclusion or limitation may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state or province to province.

Outside the 50 United States and Canada, this warranty does not apply. Contact your authorized Whirlpool dealer to determine if another warranty applies.

If you need service, first see the “Troubleshooting” section of this book. After checking “Troubleshooting,” additional help can be found by checking the “Assistance or Service” section or by calling the Whirlpool Customer eXperience Center, 1-800-253-1301 (toll-free), from anywhere in the U.S.A. In Canada, contact your Whirlpool Canada LP designated service company or call 1-800-807-6777.

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Keep this book and your sales slip together for future reference. You must provide proof of purchase or installation date for in-warranty service.

Write down the following information about your compactor to better help you obtain assistance or service if you ever need it. You will need to know your complete model number and serial number. You can find this information on the model and serial number label located on the inside wall of the compactor drawer.

Dealer name____________________________________
Address _______________________________________
Phone number _________________________________
Model number __________________________________
Serial number _________________________________
Purchase date _________________________________