

# Use and Care of **DISPOSALL**<sup>®</sup> food waste disposers

Batch-feed models



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## INSTRUCTIONS PERTAINING TO A RISK OF FIRE, ELECTRIC SHOCK OR INJURY TO PERSONS.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING**—When using electric appliances, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

- Read all the instructions before using the appliance.
- To reduce the risk of injury, close supervision is necessary when an appliance is used near children.
- Do not put fingers or hands into a waste disposer.
- Turn the power switch to the off position before attempting to clear a jam or remove an object from the disposer.
- When attempting to loosen a jam in a waste disposer, use a long wooden object such as a wooden spoon or the wooden handle of a broom or mop.
- When attempting to remove an object from a waste disposer, use long-handled tongs or pliers. Only nonmagnetic tools should be used.
- To reduce the risk of injury by materials that may be expelled by a waste disposer, **do not put the following into a disposer:**
  - Clam or oyster shells.
  - Drain cleaner.
  - Glass, china or plastic.
  - Large whole bones.
  - Metal, such as bottle caps, tin cans or aluminum foil.
  - Whole cornhusks.
- When not operating a disposer, leave the drain cover in place to reduce the risk of an object falling into the disposer.
- Properly ground to conform with all governing codes and ordinances. Follow details in Installation Instructions.

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

## Write down the model and serial numbers.

You'll find them on a label located on the side or bottom of the disposer.

These numbers are also on the Consumer Product Ownership Registration Card that came with your disposer. Before sending in this card, please write these numbers here:

Model Number

Serial Number

Use these numbers in any correspondence or service calls concerning your disposer.

**If you received a damaged disposer**, immediately contact the dealer (or builder) that sold you the disposer.

## How the Disposer Works

Food wastes are fed into the disposer through the sink drain opening. The wastes fall into the grinding mechanism and are shredded into particles small enough to be floated away by the cold water running through holes in the flywheel and the strainer around the flywheel. When the shredder impellers on the flywheel strike hard objects such as bones, they will swivel back to reduce the possibility of jamming.

## What it Grinds

The disposer will grind almost all items of food waste. Naturally, some items require less time to grind than others. Items such as animal fat, skin and hard bones take longer to grind than vegetable parings.

*Mixing different types of waste will improve grinding efficiency.*

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and Maintenance Instructions.

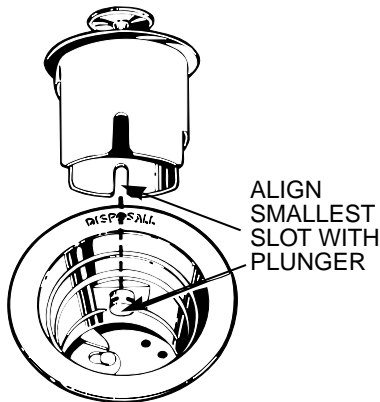
# HOW TO OPERATE YOUR DISPOSER

**WARNING**—To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons, read the IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS before operating this appliance.

- 1 Remove the stopper.**
- 2 Scrape food waste into the disposer** through the sink drain but **DO NOT PACK TOO TIGHTLY.**

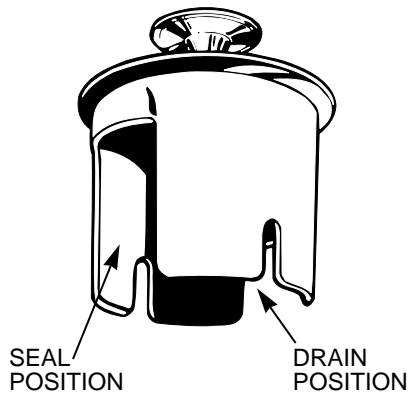
**NEVER PUSH FINGERS OR WASTE FEEDING TOOLS BEYOND THE SWITCH PLUNGER.**

- 3 Turn on cold water to full flow.** Cold water hardens greases so they can be ground up and floated away through the drain. A rapid flow of cold water assists grinding, cleans out the disposer, carries food waste through the drain lines and helps keep pipes clean.



- 4 To start disposer,** insert stopper into sink opening so one of the two *small* slots lines up with the switch plunger inside the neck of the disposer. Push down firmly. No twisting is required.
- 5 Run the disposer for 30 seconds after shredding stops** to allow all food waste to be flushed through the drain line.
- 6 To shut the disposer off,** lift the stopper.

## Stopper Position When You Are Not Operating the Disposer



**To fill sink,** insert stopper so the *largest* slot lines up with the switch plunger. Stopper can now be pushed down to seal position without activating disposer.

**To drain sink,** insert stopper so the *medium* size slot is lined up with plunger. Water can drain, but tableware, etc. cannot be accidentally dropped into disposer.

## How to Speed Up Food Waste Disposal

Cut up or break up large bones, melon rinds, grapefruit skins, corn cobs and fibrous materials such as pineapple or vegetable stalks before putting them into your disposer.

Items such as large bones and fibrous husks like lima bean pods require considerable cutting time in your disposer. You may prefer to put them in the trash can or trash compactor.

**Do not put leather, cloth, string, rubber, seafood shells, artichoke leaves or corn husks into your disposer.** These items can cause nuisance tripping of the motor overload control.

# USER MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

## Care and Cleaning

**Your disposer is permanently lubricated.** No oiling is required during the life of the unit.

**Your disposer is self-cleaning when used properly.** Always use a rapid flow of cold water and allow the unit to run long enough to do a thorough job of grinding and flushing the food waste throughout each operation.

**To deodorize your disposer,** should an odor develop in the unit, run orange or lemon rind through the disposer. This will dispel unpleasant odors and leave the sink with a clean, sweet smell.

Grinding a dozen or so ice cubes sprinkled with a generous amount of regular household scouring powder (not drain cleaner) also has a cleaning, deodorizing effect. Do not use water when grinding ice cubes.

**To keep drain lines clean,** flush out the disposer once a day as follows:

- Operate disposer to eliminate any food waste in disposer.
- Seal sink drain and run two to three inches of water in the sink.
- Remove sink drain stopper and allow sink to drain naturally.



## Questions? Use This Problem Solver

Your disposer is equipped with a thermoelectric control which protects the motor when overloading occurs. When overloaded, the motor will automatically stop.

### If disposer stops during use:

- Remove the stopper.
- Remove cause of overload. See CAUTION.
- Wait a few minutes for the overload control to cool.
- Press reset button on the bottom of the disposer.
- Insert the stopper to restart disposer.

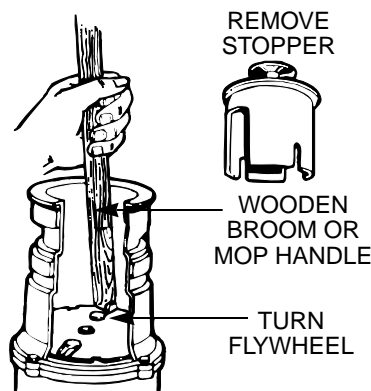
*Overloading can be caused by:*

- Packing food waste into disposer too rapidly.
- Metallic object falling into the unit and jamming the flywheel.
- Putting items such as leather, cloth, string, rubber, seafood shells, artichoke leaves or corn husks into your disposer.

If the disposer will not restart after you have removed the apparent cause, remove the splash guard and use a lever such as a wooden spoon or wooden broom or mop handle to turn the flywheel to free the jam.

### CAUTION:

- **NEVER PUT YOUR HAND INTO THE DISPOSER.**
- **ALWAYS USE TONGS OR A LARGE SPOON TO REMOVE OBJECTS FROM DISPOSER.**



### If disposer will not start:

- Remove the stopper.
- Remove splash guard.
- Use a large wooden spoon or broom handle as a lever to rotate flywheel.

### If flywheel rotates freely:

- Depress reset button until it clicks and remains depressed.
- If reset button is already depressed, check for a tripped circuit breaker or a burned-out fuse.

### If flywheel *does not* rotate freely:

- Check to see if a foreign object such as a nail or a metal beverage-can tab has lodged between the flywheel and the shredding ring. If so, dislodge the object by rotating the flywheel with a lever such as a broom handle or large wooden spoon and remove the object.

### If disposer makes an unusually loud noise:

- This is normal when grinding bones or fruit pits.
- Accidental entry of a spoon, bottle cap or other similar objects can result in unusually loud noise.

To correct:

- Remove the stopper.
- Turn water off.
- Wait until flywheel stops.
- Remove object with tongs or a long-handled wooden spoon.

**If you need more help...call, toll free:**

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**800.626.2000**

**consumer information center**

## If You Need Service

To obtain service, see your warranty in the back of this book.

We're proud of our service and want you to be pleased. If for some reason you are not happy with the service you receive, here are three steps to follow for further help.

FIRST, contact the people who serviced your appliance. Explain why you are not pleased. In most cases, this will solve the problem.

NEXT, if you are still not pleased, write all the details—including your phone number—to:

Manager, Consumer Relations  
GE Appliances  
Appliance Park  
Louisville, Kentucky 40225

FINALLY, if your problem is still not resolved, write:

Major Appliance Consumer  
Action Panel  
20 North Wacker Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

**YOUR DISPOSALL®  
FOOD WASTE DISPOSER  
WARRANTY**

**Staple sales slip or cancelled check here. Proof of original purchase date is needed to obtain service under warranty.**

**WHAT IS COVERED**

**FULL FIVE-YEAR WARRANTY**

For five years from date of original purchase, we will provide, free of charge, parts and service labor in your home to repair or replace **any part of the disposer** that fails because of a manufacturing defect.

If we determine the unit should be replaced, rather than repaired, the warranty on the replacement unit will be limited to the unexpired term of the original warranty.

This warranty is extended to the original purchaser and any succeeding owner for products purchased for ordinary home use in the 48 mainland states, Hawaii and Washington, D.C. In Alaska the warranty is the same except that it is LIMITED because you must pay to ship the product to the service shop or for the service technician's travel costs to your home.

All warranty service will be provided by our Factory Service Centers or by our authorized Customer Care® servicers during normal working hours.

Should your appliance need service, during warranty period or beyond, call 800-GE-CARES (800-432-2737).

**WHAT IS NOT COVERED**

- Service trips to your home to teach you how to use the product.

**Read your Use and Care material.**

If you then have any questions about operating the product, please contact your dealer or our Consumer Affairs office at the address below, or call, toll free:

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- Improper installation.

If you have an installation problem, contact your dealer or installer.

You are responsible for providing adequate electrical, plumbing and other connecting facilities.

- Replacement of house fuses or resetting of circuit breakers.
- Failure of the product if it is used for other than its intended purpose or used commercially.
- Damage to product caused by accident, fire, floods or acts of God.

**WARRANTOR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.**

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion 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. To know what your legal rights are in your state, consult your local or state consumer affairs office or your state's Attorney General.

**Warrantor: General Electric Company**

**If further help is needed concerning this warranty, write:  
Manager—Consumer Affairs, GE Appliances, Louisville, KY 40225**

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