

# Installation Instructions

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# Whirlpool

## TRASH MASHER® COMPACTOR

### BEFORE YOU USE YOUR COMPACTOR . . .

Be sure your compactor is properly installed in an appropriate level area and a place suitable for the size, function and protection of the compactor.

### ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

#### Observe All Governing Codes and Ordinances

A 120-Volt, 60 Hz, AC only, 15-Ampere fused electrical supply is required. (Time delay fuse or circuit breaker is recommended.) It is recommended that a separate circuit serving only this appliance be provided. DO NOT use an extension cord.

### RECOMMENDED GROUNDING METHOD

**DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, REMOVE THE POWER SUPPLY CORD GROUND PRONG.**

For your personal safety, this appliance must be grounded. This appliance is equipped with a power supply cord having a 3-prong grounding plug. To minimize possible shock hazard, the cord must be plugged into a mating 3-prong grounding type wall receptacle, grounded in accordance with the National Electrical Code and local codes and ordinances. If a mating wall receptacle is not available, it is the personal responsibility and obligation of the customer to have a properly grounded 3-prong wall receptacle installed by a qualified electrician. See Figure 1.

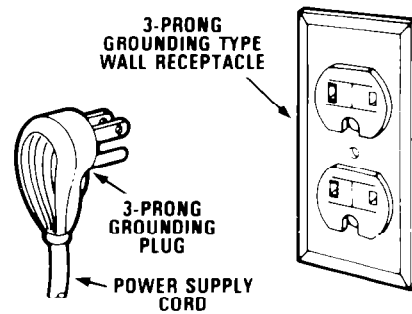


FIGURE 1

### ALTERNATE GROUNDING METHOD

(Do not use in Canada)

**DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, REMOVE THE POWER SUPPLY CORD GROUND PRONG.**

If changing and properly grounding the wall receptacle is impossible and where local codes permit (consult your electrical inspector), a temporary adapter may be plugged into the existing 2-prong wall receptacle to mate with the 3-prong power supply cord. See Figure 2. THIS, HOWEVER, IS NOT RECOMMENDED.

If this is done, you must connect the grounding eyelet on the adapter to the wall receptacle coverplate screw and from this same screw you must connect a separate copper ground wire (No. 18 minimum) to a grounded cold water pipe.\* See Figure 2. Do not ground to a gas supply pipe. Do not connect to electrical supply until appliance is permanently grounded.

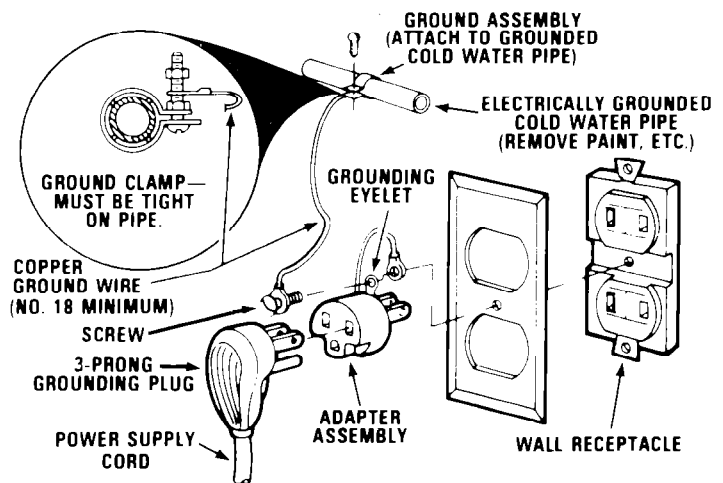
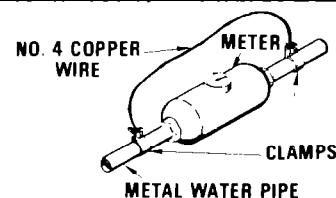


FIGURE 2

\*Grounded cold water pipe must have metal continuity to electrical ground and not be interrupted by plastic, rubber or other electrical insulating connectors such as hoses, fittings, washers or gaskets (including water meter or pump) Any electrically insulating connector should be jumped as shown below with a length of No. 4 copper wire securely clamped at both ends



—IMPORTANT—

**DO NOT REMOVE THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET UNTIL READY FOR INSTALLATION.  
AFTER COMPLETING THE INSTALLATION, SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.**

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN, READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. THEY WILL SIMPLIFY THE INSTALLATION.**

1. After removing the shipping carton, be sure to remove all protective packaging materials such as tape and shipping pads. Waxy residue from protective shipping material may be removed from compactor with a mild solution of liquid household cleaner and water.
2. The compactor's overall dimensions are: Height 34-3/8" (87.3 cm), Depth 24" (61 cm), Width 15" (38.1 cm). See Figure 3.

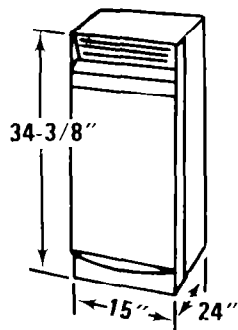


FIGURE 3

3. When installing your compactor, it is desirable to leave at least 6 inches (15 cm) clearance from the right edge of the drawer front for convenient bag removal. Also allow 23 inches (58.4 cm) in front of the appliance for drawer removal. See Figure 4.

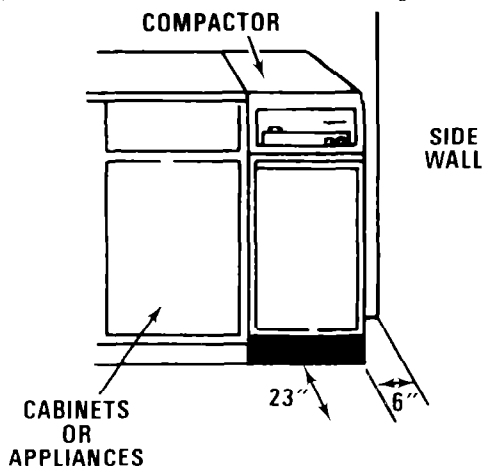


FIGURE 4

4. Remove drawer as shown:
  - a. Grip handle and raise front of drawer until it clears stops. See Figure 5.
  - b. Grasp side ridges of the drawer and lift drawer out. See Figure 6.

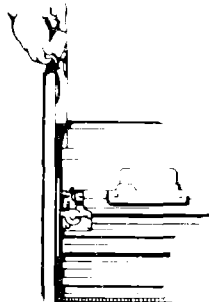


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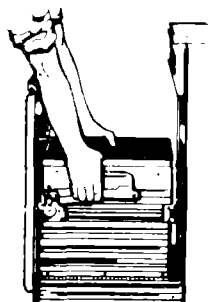


FIGURE 6

5. Remove any materials shipped in the drawer. Some models have a literature storage compartment located inside the front panel. See Figure 7. **DO NOT REMOVE THE BAG.**

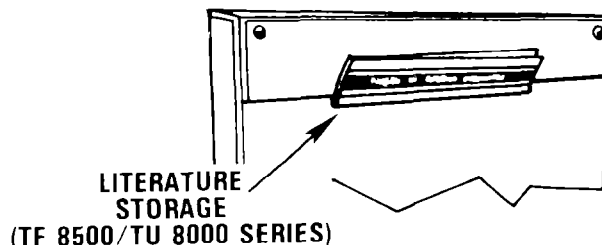


FIGURE 7

6. Lay two carton corner posts or other protective material (such as a throw rug) on the floor, then lay the unit on either of its sides on the corner posts. The corner posts will protect the finish of the compactor and the floor. See Figure 8. *NOTE: Do not truck or handle by console.*

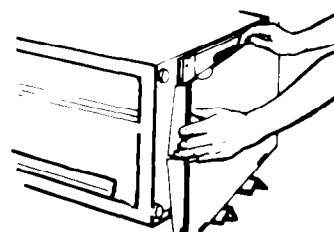


FIGURE 8

Remove the cardboard shipping pad located on the bottom. See Figure 8.

*NOTE: Do not move or slide the compactor on the floor until the feet have been pre-adjusted. Pre-adjust the leveling feet, by turning them part way out.*

*A suitable hand tool may be required to pre-adjust leveling feet.*

Stand compactor upright.

## FREESTANDING INSTALLATION

Move compactor to its permanent operating location.

1. For best drawer operation, place a small level on the top of the unit and adjust the four leveling feet as needed.
 

**CAUTION: Use care so that the compactor does not drop on your hand.**
2. To replace the drawer, grasp side ridges of the drawer (Figure 6). Place drawer onto tracks lifting the front to clear stops (Figure 5). Close drawer.
3. Plug the power supply cord into the grounded receptacle.
4. See Use and Care Guide for complete details on how to operate and care for your TRASH MASHER® compactor.

## USING A FREESTANDING COMPACTOR IN A RECESSED AREA.

1. Measure the recessed area you wish to install the compactor in. It must be at least 34-1/2" (87.6 cm) high, 24" (61 cm) deep, and 15-1/8" (38.4 cm) wide. See Figure 9.

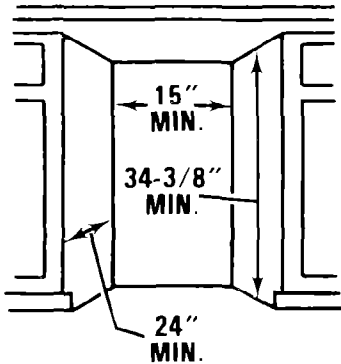


FIGURE 9

2. The recess must have a grounded outlet 18" min. (45 cm) above the floor as shown in Figure 10.

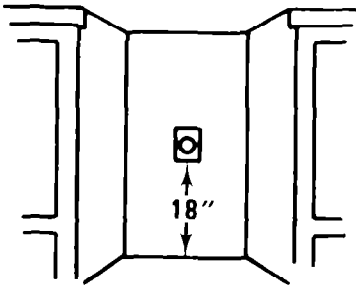


FIGURE 10

3. Be sure the cord clip on the cord is attached to the clip to the rear of the cabinet as shown in Figure 11.

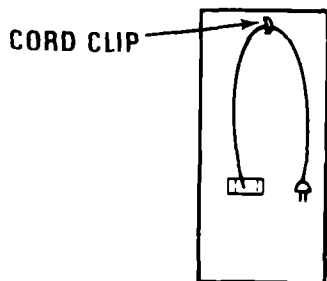


FIGURE 11

4. To prevent the power supply cord from being pinched, or the power supply cord plug from being crushed, install a stop block at the lower rear corners of the recessed opening. The blocks should be at least 3/4" (1.27 cm) deep by 2" (5.1 cm) wide, by 2" (5.1 cm) high. See Figure 12 for details.

*NOTE: Measure the front to back distance of the opening. To have the front of the compactor cabinet align with the adjacent cabinets, the stop block may need to be more than 3/4" (1.9 cm) deep. Subtract 23" (58.4 cm) from the depth of the opening. This is the depth dimension of the stop block.*

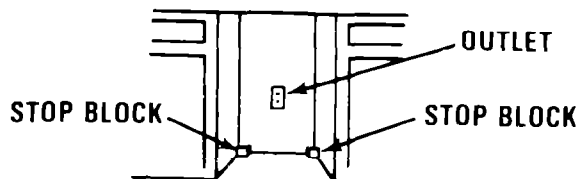


FIGURE 12

5. After the opening has been prepared, level the compactor by adjusting the four leveling screws. Level unit left to right and front to back. See Figure 13.

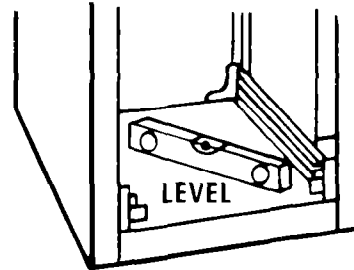


FIGURE 13

Plug the power supply cord into the grounded outlet.

6. Slide the compactor back into the recess until the compactor is against the stop blocks.

## ADJUSTABLE TOE PLATE

In some installations, the toe plate may rub the floor covering. If this occurs, the toe plate clearance may be changed as follows:

1. Determine the amount of interference of the toe plate with the floor covering.
2. Remove the drawer from the unit. (Refer to Step 4, Page 2 of the Installation Instructions.)
3. Lay drawer so the front panel faces upward. Protect the floor.
4. With a ruler and a pencil or chalk, draw a line where the toe plate interferes with the floor covering.
5. Use a pair of scissors and cut toe plate along this line. See Figure 14.
6. Replace drawer in unit.

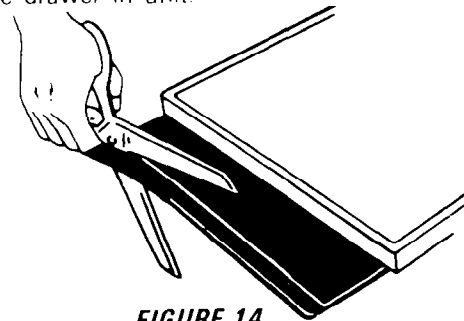


FIGURE 14

## CHANGING FRONT PANEL COLOR

During installation, or in the future, you may wish to change the front panel color. Your compactor has an extra panel, which offers four color options. See detail of assembly in Figure 15.

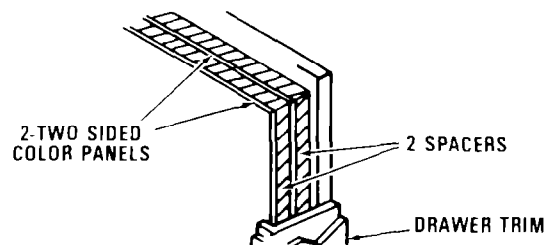


FIGURE 15

**CAUTION:** The panels have cut metal edges. Handle carefully to avoid cuts to hands and scratches on panels.

**To change the front panel color:**

1. Remove the drawer from the unit. (See Step 3 of the Installation Instructions.)
2. Remove handle by removing the screws at the top inside of the drawer.
3. Remove only the inside front panel by carefully pulling it up between the drawer trim pieces.
4. Remove spacer which fits between the panels.
5. Remove outside front panel by carefully pulling it up.
6. Select the color you wish to have showing and carefully push the panel back in the front of the drawer trim.
7. Replace the spacer, then carefully replace the remaining panel on the inside.
8. Replace the handle with the screws removed in Step 2, above.
9. Replace the drawer.

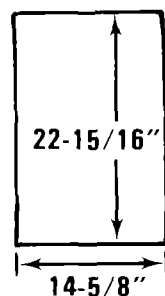
**CAUTION: REPLACE HANDLE BEFORE OPERATING COMPACTOR TO AVOID INJURY FROM MOVING PARTS.**

**CUSTOM DECORATING**

In place of the panel pack, you may use a 1/4" thick wood panel to match your cabinets or other suitable decorative material. See Figure 16.

**To do so:**

1. Follow Steps 1 through 6 under Changing Panel Color. Also remove all cardboard.
2. Slide decorative panel between trim pieces.
3. Remount handle with the screws previously removed.
4. Slide the drawer into the unit.
5. Paint, wallpaper, fabric, etc., can be applied directly to one of the panels.



**FIGURE 16**

# BEFORE YOU CALL FOR SERVICE

If your compactor does not seem to be operating properly, check the following before calling for service.

**If the compactor won't operate:**

- Is the electric cord securely plugged in?
- Have you checked the main fuse or circuit breaker box?
- Is the drawer completely closed?
- Is the key-knob turned all the way to START before it is released?

**If compactor stops during operation:**

- Push drawer in while turning key-knob to start. Repeat if necessary. Rearrange trash load — do not load rigid items at front of drawer.

**Trash not compacted:**

- Drawer must be at least 1/3 full to see compaction.

**Not enough compaction or force:**

- Compacting works best when only a few items are loaded. Use the compacting cycle frequently.

**Bottle don't break:**

- Not all bottles will break every time, depending upon trash load below it.

**Drawer won't open:**

- Drawer will open only when ram is all the way up. To raise the ram, push drawer in firmly; turn key-knob to START; release key-knob. Open drawer; lay cans and bottles flat in the center of drawer. Start compactor again.

FOR SERVICE OR PARTS INFORMATION, CALL TOLL FREE TO:  
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