



Garbage Disposal

Quick fixes for common problems

Problem: Can't turn the motor on

Cause:

No power

On/off switch is defective

Overload protector switch is tripped

Problem: Motor hums but unit doesn't grind

Cause:

Flywheel is jammed

Motor bearings have frozen

Problem: The disposal grinds things too slowly

Cause:

Not enough water

Improper waste in the unit

Dull shredder ring or broken flyweights

Problem: The disposal is making an unusual amount of noise

Cause:

Metallic object in the unit

Mounting screws are loose

Flywheel is broken

Motor is defective

Solution:

Check the fuse box/circuit breaker. And if the disposal is plugged into a wall outlet, check the outlet.

On continuous-feed models, check the wall switch. On batch-feed models, check the stopper switch.

If the flywheel is jammed, free it. Push the reset button.

Solution:

Free the flywheel

Call a qualified professional. You'll probably have to buy a new unit.

Solution:

Run more cold water when using the disposal

Only dispose of materials allowed by the manual

Replace defective parts

Solution:

Inspect the unit and fish out the object with tongs or forceps

Tighten the mounting screws

Replace the broken flywheel

Call a qualified professional



Water Heater (gas or electric)

Quick fixes for common problems

Gas Water Heater

Problem: There is no hot water

Cause:

Pilot light isn't lit

Pilot light won't keep burning

Clog in the burner

Defective thermocouple

Problem: There isn't enough hot water

Cause:

Thermostat isn't correctly set

Thermostat is defective

Hot water pipes are exposed

Electric Water Heater

Problem: There is no hot water

Cause:

Water Heater has no power

Safety thermostat has quit working

Defect in the heating elements

Problem: The hot water supply is too low

Cause:

Thermostat is set wrong

Tank is too small

Solution:

Carefully relight the pilot

Make sure the gas controls are completely turned on. Check and be sure it is firmly connected to the gas control unit and positioned near the pilot flame.

Call a qualified professional

Replace the thermocouple

Solution:

Turn the thermostat higher

Call a qualified professional

Insulate the hot water pipes

Solution:

Check the fuse box/circuit breaker. If the heater repeatedly blows fuses, call an electrician.

Push the reset button. Test the heating thermostats and elements.

Test the elements and replace them if necessary

Solution:

Turn the thermostat to a higher temperature

Have a qualified professional install a larger heater