DO’S and DON’TS – GARBAGE DISPOSALS

DO grind food waste only with a strong flow of “cold water” only.

DO grind food waste material, allowing the disposal and water to run for a full two minutes after grinding. This permits the disposal to flush water through the drain lines to the main sewer and prevents possible clogging of those drain lines.

DO flush disposal for self-cleansing. Allow disposal and cold water to run after grinding or after draining the sink and dishwater. Some detergents are caustic, flushing will pass such material into the drain line without disposal damage.

DO replace cover or sink strainer at drain position while unit is idle, and leave in this position to prevent foreign material from accidentally dropping into disposal.

DO run the dishwasher after using the disposal. This will prevent waste from drying in the dishwasher drain and clogging the line.

DON’T use hot water when grinding food waste. However, hot water can be drained into disposal between grinding periods.

DON’T dispose of fat and/or greases in your disposal, nor through your kitchen drain. Grease will cling to the drainpipes and cause clogging. Keep grease in used cans until it hardens and dispose of in the trash.

DON’T feed fibrous food waste (corn husks, potato skins, pea pods, celery, onion skins, carrot tops or skins, artichoke leaves, etc.) into the disposal.

DON’T grind hard materials such as bones, fruit pits, cigarette butts, etc.

DON’T misuse your disposal. It is ruggedly built to give you trouble-free performance. It will dispose of most normal food wastes, but it will NOT grind and dispose of such nonfood waste items such as tin cans, bottles, bottle caps, glass, china, leather, cloth, rubber, string, or feathers; these items should be disposed of in the trash can.

DON’T PUT LYE OR OTHER CHEMICAL CLEANERS INTO THE DISPOSAL. PRODUCERS OF SOME CLEANERS WARN THAT THEIR PRODUCT IS INJURIOUS. WARRANTIES ARE VOIDED WHEN CHEMICAL DAMAGE IS DETECTED.

Misuse or neglect of your garbage disposal unit may necessitate the replace of this unit and/or cleaning of the drainpipes, and these costs will be charged back to the resident.

I have read the foregoing statements of “Do’s and Don’ts – Garbage Disposals” and I agree to abide by these rules. I further acknowledge and accept the terms set within that any abuse caused by myself or anyone in my household will be billed to me and I agree to pay for the maintenance charges of the abuse per the Housing Authority Maintenance Charge Billing procedures.

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Resident Signature / Date                          Resident Signature / Date