

## KNOW YOUR EFFICIENT DISHWASHERS

### 01 WHAT IS AN EFFICIENT DISHWASHER?

Efficient dishwashers maximize performance and minimize energy and water use. They come with advanced features:

+ **Soil sensors:** Test how dirty dishes are throughout the wash and automatically adjust the cycle to optimize cleaning with minimal water and energy use.

+ **Improved water filters:** Remove food from the wash water, efficiently using detergent and water during the cycle.

+ **High-efficiency jets:** Use less energy to spray your dishes with water and detergent.

+ **Efficient dish rack design:** Strategically places dishes to maximize contact with water and detergent.

+ **ENERGY STAR:** Most dishwashers made after 1994 after ENERGY STAR®-certified. A standard-sized ENERGY STAR® model uses no more than 270 kWh per year and 3.5 gallons of water per cycle.

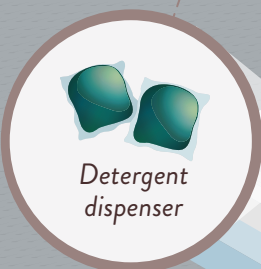
### 03 WHY EFFICIENT DISHWASHERS?

#### Pros

- + Uses **less water**, protecting lakes, streams & oceans
- + Uses **less energy**, reducing air pollution & fossil fuel use
- + Provides **extra disinfection & automatic water heating**

#### Cons

- + **Installation** may be costly
- + **Takes up space** in compact kitchens
- + Compact models may require **running more loads**
- + Dishwasher accessories may incur **additional expenses**



### 02 DISHWASHING TIPS

There are many ways to improve dishwasher efficiency. You can run your dishwasher when it is at **full capacity**, maximizing the value of every dollar you spend on water and energy. Instead of pre-rinsing dishes before loading them into the dishwasher, **scraping leftover food into the trash** can help reduce your monthly bills. **Air drying** the dishes, using the **energy saving setting**, and **avoiding peak hours** (generally between 4-9 pm on weekdays) are other ways to save.

