

APPLIANCE DOCTOR

A little Tang wakes up dishwashers



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My 8-year-old dishwasher doesn't clean the dishes like it used to. A service technician has checked it out and says everything is working fine. Do I need to invest in a new dishwasher?

Put on the brakes at your local grocery store and spend just a few dollars for a pint jar of an orange-powdered breakfast drink called Tang. That's all you need to use to bring back the washability of your dishwasher. The following is what happens in 95 percent of American homes and what creates this common complaint.

We as consumers fail to realize that we cannot use a dishwasher effectively unless the water temperature inside is 140 degrees. Cold or lukewarm water just won't do the job. Turn on the hot water faucet at the kitchen sink until you receive maximum hot water temperature coming out of the spout. Then, turn on your dishwasher. If you do this faithfully every time you use your dishwasher you will notice a considerable difference in washability. The water that fills your dishwasher before it begins the wash cycle must be hot. If you don't turn on the faucet and get rid of the cold water in the pipe from the hot water tank to the kitchen spout, then you will begin filling the dishwasher with cold water. As a result, you won't dissolve the detergent, your dishes won't be cleaned, you'll have spots all over the glasses and you'll have soap buildup inside the complete unit. Soap buildup is what is causing your problem.

This buildup is coating the impellers in your motor assembly and won't allow these internal components to cut through the water properly, giving the dishwasher a strong pressure of water through the spray arms. The cure to the problem is on the grocery shelf and is

called Tang powdered breakfast drink. Here's how you do it.

Turn on the hot water to maximum temperature. Turn on the empty dishwasher and let it fill and wash for four minutes. Shut it off and open the door. Empty the complete jar of Tang into the water in the bottom of the dishwasher. Shut the door and let it go through its complete cycle undisturbed. This cure has been verified by many consumers who listen to my talk show. They have asked how Tang does it so well. The acidic content and the abrasive action created by the powder seem to be just the proper mix to do the job. The astronauts drank it and I do as well.

My garbage disposal has an occasional odor. How do I clean it out?

If you could see what is inside your disposal, I can assure you that you wouldn't ever prepare another food item around your kitchen counter. We as consumers just stick the garbage in there, turn on the cold water, and away it goes, so we think. What about all the built-up grease, etc., that coats the walls inside? I don't want to be too graphic on the subject except to say that it needs a cleaning out every few days. The solution is in your kitchen refrigerator. It's called ice cubes.

Fill the disposal with ice cubes and let them stand in there for an hour or so. Turn it on without water for 30 seconds. Boil a kettle of water and rinse out the disposal. This little cure all should be performed twice a week and especially if you are going away for any length of time.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor" available at area bookstores.

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