

WASHING DISHES

New Kitchen

Dirty bowls and dishes will be brought to the kitchen by the staff/volunteers who are cleaning.

We hand-wash and rinse the bowls and dishes thoroughly and then place them in the sanitizer.

Hand-washing the bowls and dishes

Dump any residual food from the bowls and dishes into the garbage can. The garbage disposal in the sink does not work.

The dish detergent is called “Lyric Serenade” and is concentrated, so you only need a little to get a lot of bubbles!

Wash and rinse the bowls thoroughly and stack them on a towel on the left side of the sink. They are then ready to go into the sanitizer.

Check to see if the sanitizer is turned on. It’s on if there is a temperature reading. If no reading is displayed, then push the “on” button. This will begin to heat the water in preparation for use.

(Note: the sanitizer is not a dish-washer, so it is important to thoroughly hand-wash and rinse the dishes before placing them in the sanitizer.)

Place the bowls and dishes in the sanitizer facing downwards. Do not put too many in at one time. An example would be: six dog bowls. Close the door and push the “wash” button. The machine will run for a couple of minutes and display the word “wash”. It will then stop for a few seconds and then resume running for a couple more minutes with the word “rinse” displayed.

When it stops, you will still see the temperature displayed, but it will fluctuate. It’s okay to open the door; but **be very careful**, as there will be **extremely hot steam** coming out when you open the door. Leave the door open for a minute or two to allow the stainless bowls to cool down before removing them.

Stack the bowls, at an angle, face down, on the towel on the counter to the right of the sink and allow the bowls to air dry.

Old Kitchen

Same process as new kitchen, except that bowls and dishes that are ready to go in the sanitizer go on top of the machine.

The operation of the sanitizer is as follows: The power light should be on. So just push the “start cycle” button and the machine will start. Make sure the green “auto” light is on. If the “manual” light comes on, ask a staff member for assistance. The machine will read “ready” when it is hot enough to run.

WASHING LITTER PANS

Use “Accel” which is dispensed through pump that comes out of the blue barrel next to the tub/sink. It takes about 10-15 dry pumps before it will start to pump out the Accel. It is not broken, it just takes a bit before it will suck up the accel.

Make sure your orange nozzle dispenser (that attaches to the hose) is set to the most concentrated dilution (4 holes should be visible on the left side- see diagram above Accel barrel dispenser). Spray Accel over all surfaces of the pan. To refill your orange nozzle bottle use the refill pump as noted above.

Allow pans to soak as necessary (10 minutes minimum). Scrub if necessary.

Rinse thoroughly with clean water hose and stack at an angle facing downwards on a towel or shelf to the right of the sink and allow to air dry.

LAUNDRY

Washer

Load the washer allowing enough room for a volley ball.

Close the door.

Push the button with the light bulb on it, and then push the button with the number 1 on it.

The machine will start. Detergent, bleach and neutralizer are automatically dispensed into the machine.

The washer takes about 37 minutes to wash a load. Once it's finished, the display will read “waiting to unload”. You will then be able to open the door by pushing the black button on the top console and pushing against the lever on the door.

Transfer the laundry to a basket.

Dryer

Load the dryer and put in two “dryer sheets” to prevent static electricity build-up.

Close the door. Turn knob number to five minutes, and knob number to 40 minutes. Then push the rocker switch.