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Get Cleaner Dishes for Less Effort

WACO, Texas (August 20, 2009) – Some days it feels like you barely get time to enjoy a nice dinner with loved ones before it's time for the necessary evil: cleaning the kitchen. Endless piles of dishes with baked-on goo can be daunting, and you have to make sure every single item is completely clean before you put it in the dishwasher, right? Wrong.

Dishwashing doesn't have to be such a chore. And you don't have to spend eons pre-washing all your dishes.

"Most people make dishwashing into a much larger job than it should be," said Doug Rogers, president of Mr. Appliance Corp. "The dishwasher should make your life easier, if you use it correctly."

Follow these easy tips from *Mr. Appliance* to keep your dishes sparkly:

- Scrape the dishes off before putting them in the dishwasher to reduce food clogs in the dishwasher – but don't pre-rinse them. Dishwasher detergent grabs onto the food left on your plate to clean it. Lack of food makes it harder for the detergent to do its job.
- To get cleaner dishes, purge your water in the sink before running the dishwasher to make sure it's hot from the beginning of the wash cycle. The hot water will help break down food particles and prevent clogs. Make sure your hot water heater is set between 120 and 125 degrees.
- Choose the correct cycle. Shorter is not necessarily better. Once you've chosen the proper cycle do not interrupt it.
- It's better to use granular soap than gel soap – and more is not better. Overloading on soap won't get your dishes any cleaner, and it will cause buildup inside the unit that can damage it over time.
- Run the dishwasher empty with a cup of white vinegar to eliminate odors and food residue buildup, which can clog and cause strain. Make sure no small objects have fallen into the mechanism after each cycle, as they can get caught and damage the machine.

Incorporate these tips to simplify your everyday cleaning routine and save water, too. (The environment thanks you in advance.) Don't forget to have your dishwasher inspected annually by an expert to keep it running strong for years to come.

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