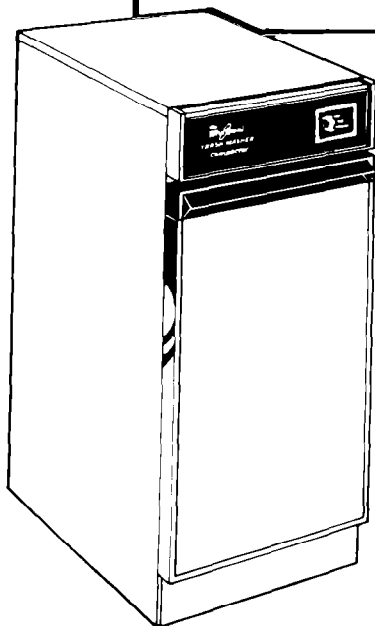


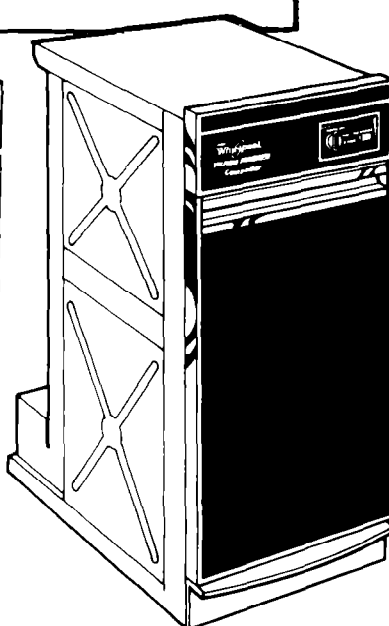
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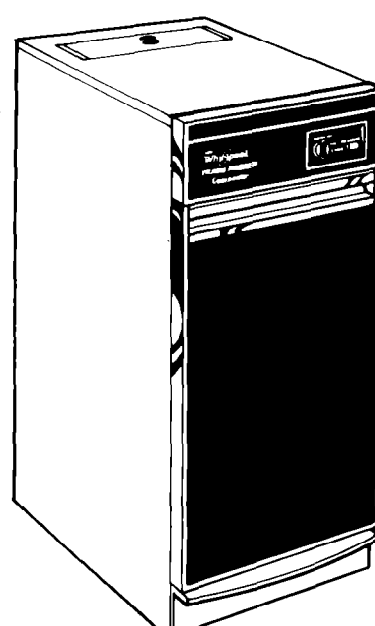
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TU 4000 Series  
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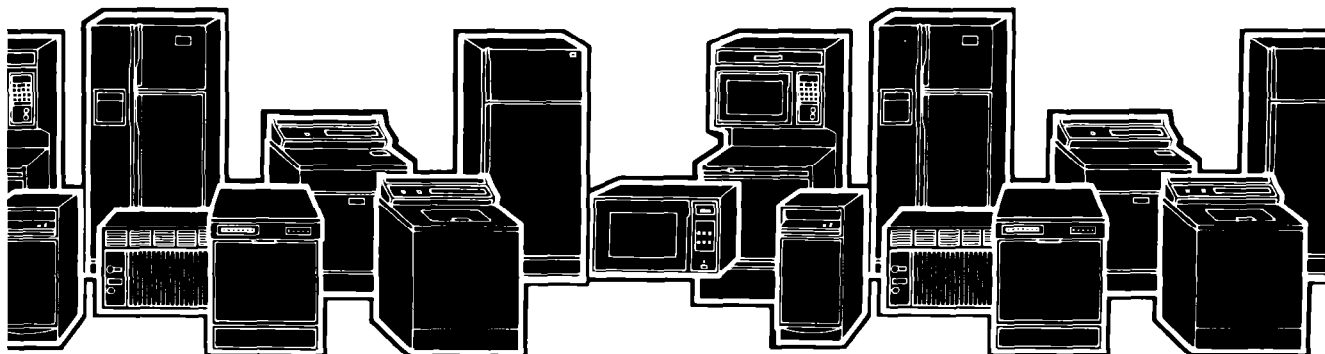


TF 4500 Series  
and (free standing model)  
(shown)



TF 8500 Series  
(free standing model)

s. Freezers, Refrigerator-Freezers, Ice Makers, Dishwashers, Built-In Ovens and Surface Units, Ranges, Microwave Ovens, Trash Compactors, Room Air Conditioners, Dehumid



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## Safety First

- **Read** all instructions before using your compactor.
- **Do not** let children operate or play with your compactor. Anything placed in the unit will be crushed or compacted.
- **Keep** the compactor locked when it's not in use. Remove the key knob to a safe place.
- **Always** place glass bottles, etc., on their sides in the center of the drawer so the waste-paper below and beside the bottle can help keep broken glass near the center of the bag, away from bag sides.
- **Always** handle a filled compactor bag with care. Never lift it by the sides. Broken glass or other sharp objects in the bag can cause injury.
- **Always** carry a filled compactor bag by the folded top or a bag carrier. Watch out for glass that may have cut through the bag sides.
- **Always** use the compactor only for the purpose it was designed to do.
- **Do not** use the compactor as a counter for electrical cooking appliances nor as a cutting board.
- **Do not** set hot pans, etc., on the compactor top.
- **Do not** spill any liquids on compactor top.
- **Always** wipe off any broken glass before touching the ram cover.  
**Do not** shove items down into the compactor with hands or feet. To avoid being cut, let the compactor do the compacting.  
**Do not** compact any container or material which might contain poisonous or explosive products.  
**Do not** compact cloths or cans containing paint liquids, thinners, etc. which could create a fire hazard.

## Installation Safety

- **OBSERVE ALL GOVERNING ELECTRICAL CODES AND ORDINANCES.**
- **Be sure** your compactor is electrically grounded in an approved manner.
- **Do not** remove the power supply cord ground prong.
- **Do not** use an extension cord.
- **Use care** when leveling your compactor, so that the unit does not drop on your hand.
- **Use care** when changing front panels. As with any cut metal edges, they could cause injury if handled carelessly.
- **Never** operate the compactor when the drawer handle is removed.
- **Be sure** your compactor is properly installed in an appropriate level area and a place suitable for the size, function and protection of the compactor.
- **SAVE THE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

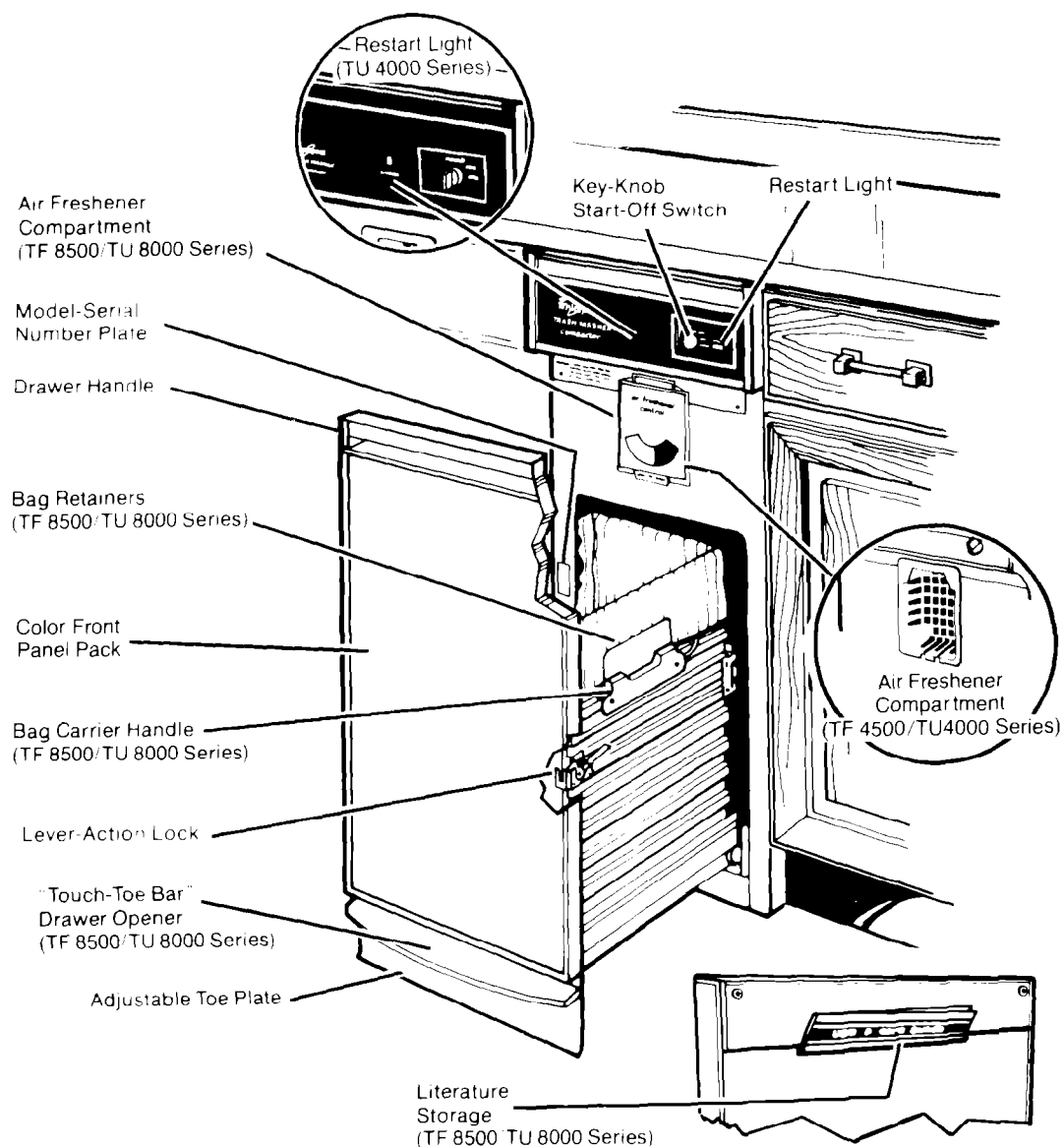
## Before You Use Your Compactor

**It is your personal responsibility and obligation to be sure your compactor:**

- Has been installed where it is protected from the elements.
- Has been installed on a floor strong enough to support its weight.
- Is properly maintained.
- Has not been installed where flammable materials are stored or used. Fumes from these materials may result in a fire or explosion.

# Your TRASH MASHER® Compactor

TF/TU Model Series



**Now is the time...** to fill in the spaces below. You will need this information if you call for service or assistance. Record all letters and numbers.

There is no warranty registration card to be returned.

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Serial No \_\_\_\_\_

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Service Company Telephone No \_\_\_\_\_

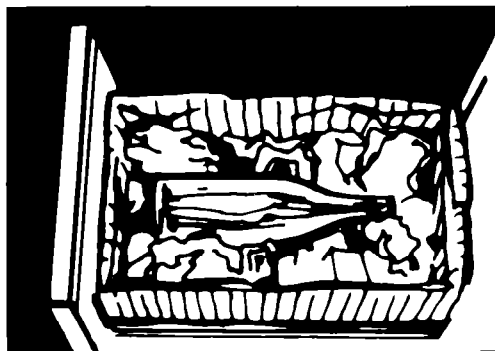
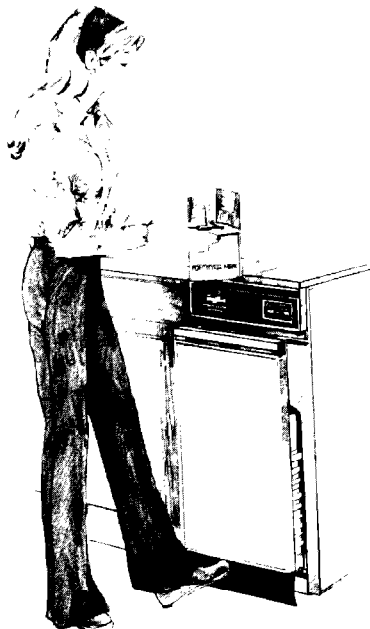
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# Using Your TRASH MASHER® Compactor

## 1. Open the drawer.

Lift and pull the handle or press the Touch-Toe Bar (TF 8500 TU 8000 Model Series) to open the drawer.



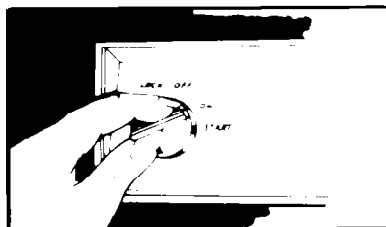
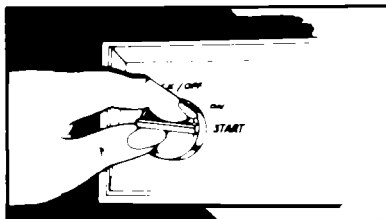
## 2. Put in the trash.

- Load almost any kind of trash.
- Wrap or cover wet or messy trash.
- Load bottles or cans on their sides in the **center** of the drawer.

### DO NOT compact:

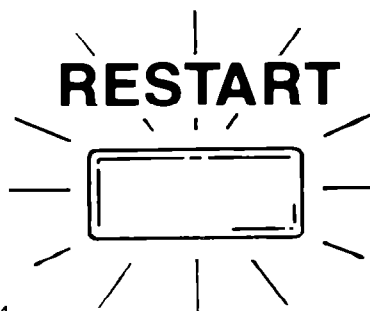
- Any container or aerosol cans which might contain poisonous or explosive products.
- Cloths or cans containing paint liquids, thinners, etc. which would create a fire hazard.
- Items that may develop offensive odors such as raw meat, fish, grapefruit rinds, disposable diapers, or personal hygiene items.

**NOTE:** Your TRASH MASHER® Compactor is designed for household use only.



## 3. Close the drawer; turn the key-knob to START; let the knob go.

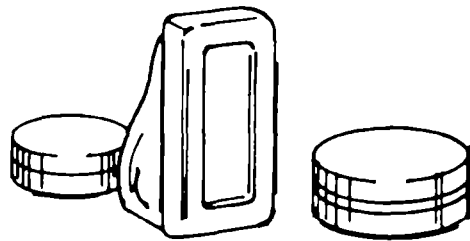
- **The compactor will stop** at the end of the cycle.
- **To remove the key-knob**, turn it to LOCK/OFF.
- **Remove and store in safe place out of children's reach.**
- **To stop the compactor** during a cycle, turn the key-knob to LOCK/OFF. Then turn it to ON. The compacting ram will rise. When it stops rising, you can open the drawer.



**The RESTART Light** will glow and the compactor will shut off if a can or bottle wedges the drawer open slightly. The ram will be in a partly down position.

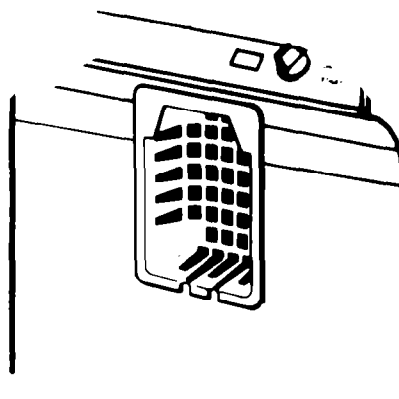
### To raise the ram:

- Push and hold the drawer shut.
- Turn the key-knob to START; let it go.
- After the ram rises and the compactor stops, open the drawer: **carefully** rearrange the load.
- If compactor stops before the light goes out, repeat.



### Air Fresheners

The Air Freshener Control is designed to help control odors that might develop in the trash. There are many **solid air fresheners** available on the market.



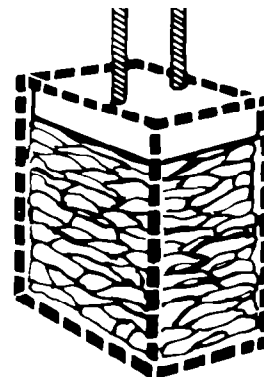
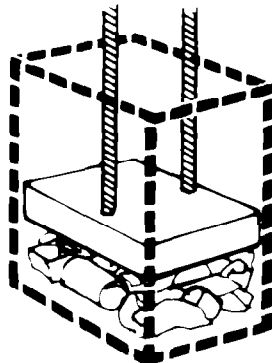
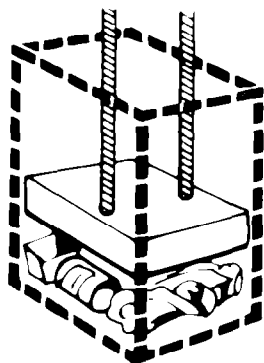
#### TF 8500/TU 8000 Model Series

- Raise the door
- Put in solid air freshener
- Set dial to NORMAL
- Move to MAXimum or MINimum if needed

#### TF 4500/TU 4000 Model Series

- Put "adjustable" air freshener in compartment
  - Adjust according to directions
- Check air freshener occasionally. It should last 4 to 6 weeks.

## How the compactor works



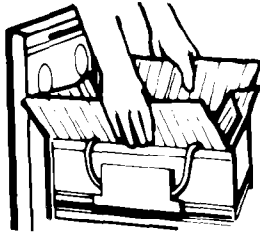
The compacting ram does not go to the drawer bottom. You will not see compacting of the first few loadings.

Compaction starts after the drawer is about  $\frac{1}{3}$  full. You may hear a noise when glass breaks. Strong glass bottles may not break at all.

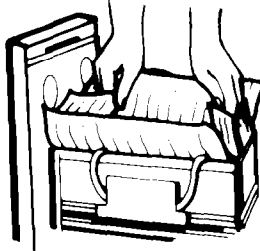
The trash in a full compactor bag will be about  $\frac{1}{4}$  the size of its original bulk.

# Removing a filled bag

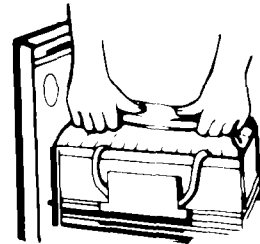
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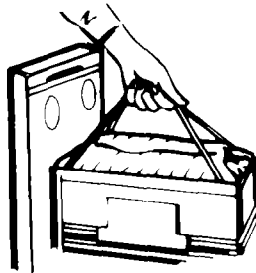
Pull all four bag cuffs up



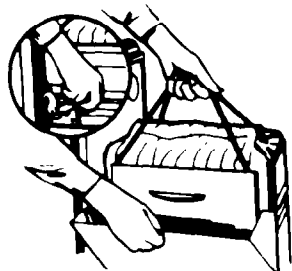
Tuck in slotted sides



Bring top edges together and roll or fold to close bag



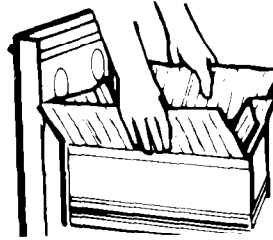
Remove bag carrier handles from side retainers and hold.



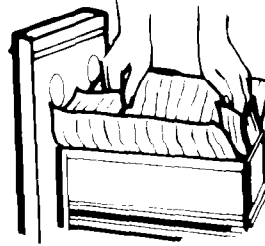
Push side-lock latch down and tilt drawer side open  
Use bag carrier to lift out bag and carry it away. Be careful. Bits of glass may stick through the bag.

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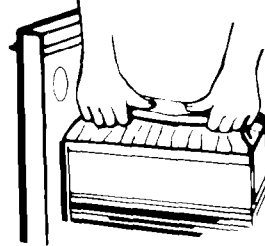
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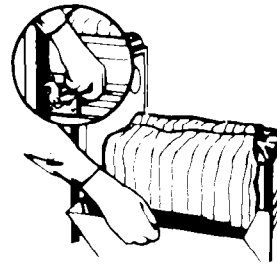
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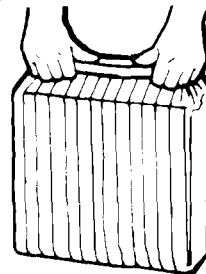
Tuck in slotted sides.



Bring top edges together and fold to close bag.



Push side-lock lever down and tilt drawer side open.



Using both hands on the fold, remove the bag.

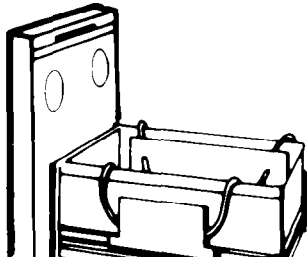
**Carry the bag only by the folded top.** Be careful when removing and carrying the filled bag. Bits of glass may stick through the sides of the bag.

# Installing a new bag

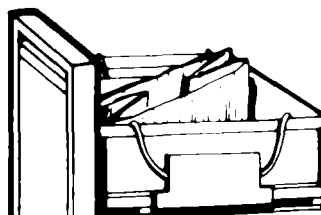
Before installing a new bag, be sure:

1. The drawer side is securely locked.
2. The container is clean and free of sharp debris that may have punctured the bag.

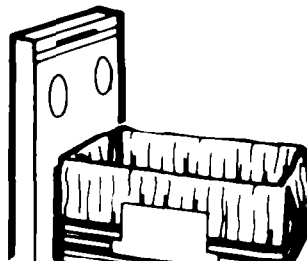
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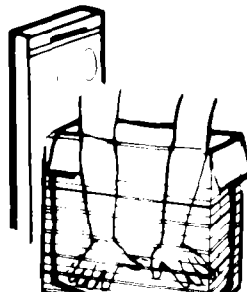
Fit the bag caddy in the drawer. Tuck the rope handles behind the bag retainers as shown.



Put unopened bag in drawer as shown. Spread front bag corners and slide cuff over right-front corner.

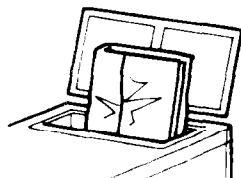


Spread rear bag corners and slide cuff over left-rear corner. Tuck cuffs behind bag retainers as shown.

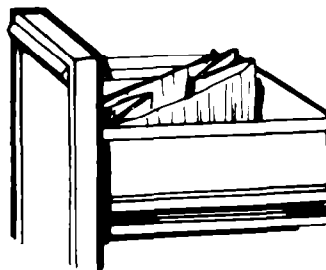


Press inside of bag against drawer bottom, sides and corners for smooth fit.

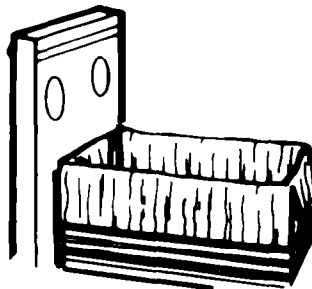
If you have a TF 4500 Model Series, store extra bags in the bag storage compartment in the top of the back.



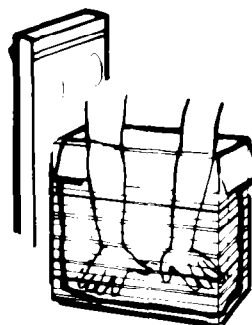
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**DO NOT USE ANY KIND OF BAG OTHER THAN THE PLASTIC-LINED PAPER BAGS DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR USE IN YOUR COMPACTOR.** TRASH MASHER™ Compactor bags may be purchased from your Whirlpool Appliance Dealer (Part No. 675186) or from Whirlpool Corporation, LaPorte Division, 1900 Whirlpool Drive, LaPorte, Indiana 46350

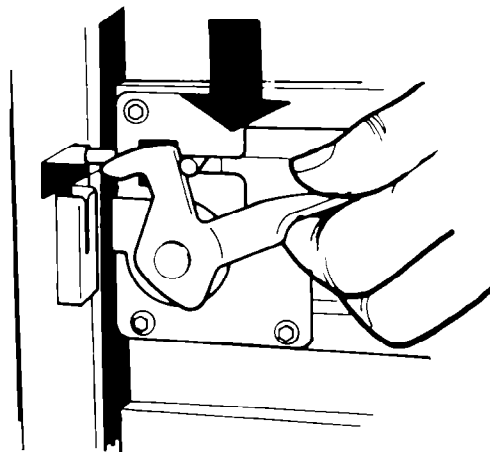
# Caring for Your TRASH MASHER® Compactor

As is true of most appliances proper care is needed to give you continued satisfaction.



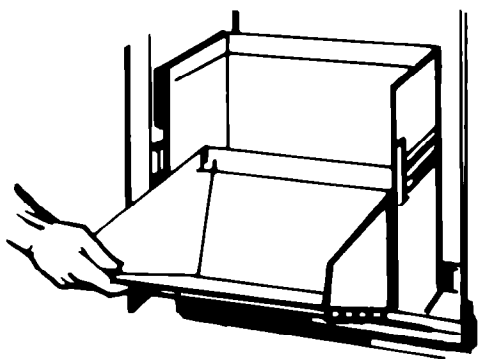
## Clean exterior surfaces

- Wipe with warm, sudsy water and a damp cloth. Rinse. Dry with a soft cloth.
- Wipe up spills right away. Some foods can mar the finish if left on the top.



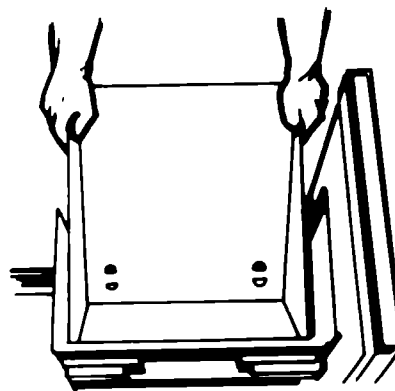
## Tilt the drawer side open

- Press side-lock latch down.
- Hold latch and tilt side of drawer until the latch clears the drawer front.



## Clean inside the drawer

- Wear rubber gloves. There may be bits of glass in the drawer.
- Wash with a damp cloth using warm, sudsy water. Rinse. Dry with a soft cloth.

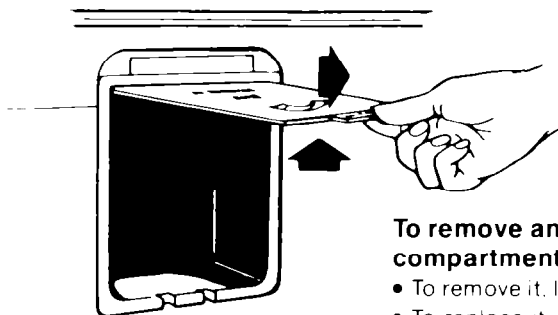


## Removing and replacing the drawer side

- To remove the drawer side, tilt it out. Then lift it out.
- To replace it, slide it back, tilted. Press the latch down while pushing the side to upright position.
- Lock the latch.

**If you will be away** for more than a couple of days, remove the compactor bag. Lock the compactor and remove the key-knob. Store the key-knob in a safe place.

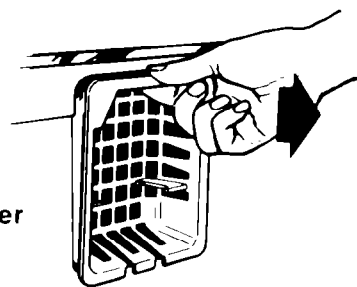




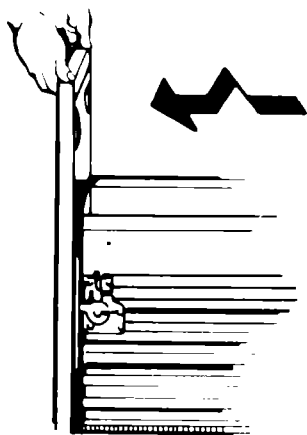
**To remove and replace the air freshener compartment**

- To remove it, lift cover and pull
- To replace it, set in the bottom first Then snap in the top.

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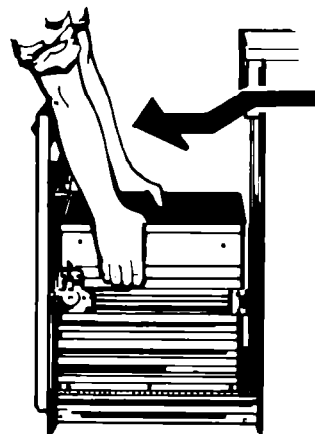


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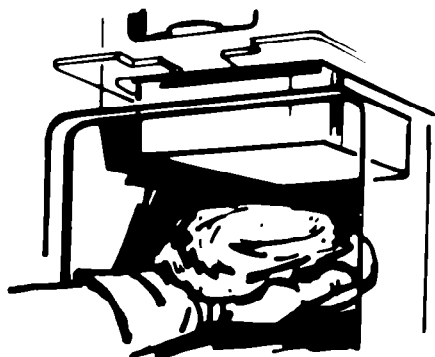


**To clean inside the cabinet, remove the drawer**

- Pull the drawer out until it stops
- Note the tracks in which the drawer rollers move
- Lift the front to clear the drawer stops.



- Grasp the drawer on the sides.
- Pull it out the rest of the way.
- Set it down gently.



**Wipe off the ram cover**

- WEAR RUBBER GLOVES
- Wipe glass particles off ram cover with a cloth or paper towels
- Use warm sudsy water to remove foods. Rinse. Dry with soft cloth



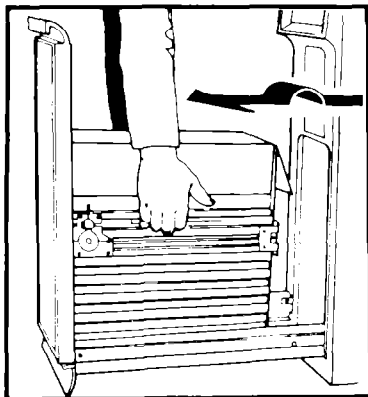
**Clean inside the cabinet**

- WEAR RUBBER GLOVES
- Vacuum inside of cabinet.
- Wash, rinse and dry inside.
- Replace drawer.

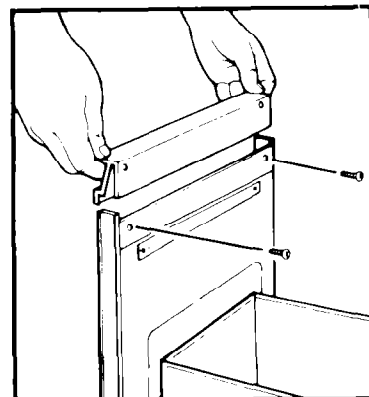
# Changing your compactor's color

Behind the **color panel** on the front of your compactor's drawer is another color. There may also be one or two extra panels, depending on the model you have. The panels have a different color on each side, so you can have a choice of two to six colors for the front. The **Consumer Buy Guide** label lists the color choices.

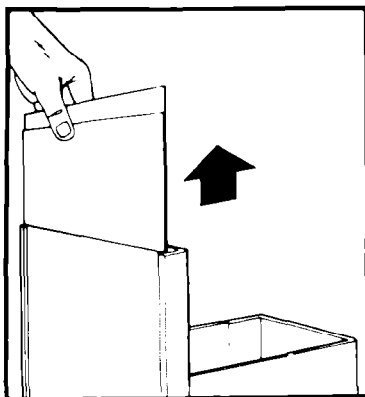
To change the color of your compactor's front panel, follow the directions below. All you need is a medium-sized screwdriver.



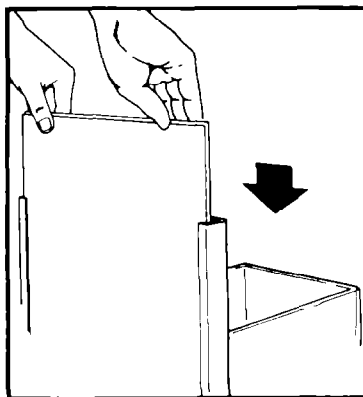
- Slide out drawer until it stops.
- Lift front to clear stops.
- Pull straight out.



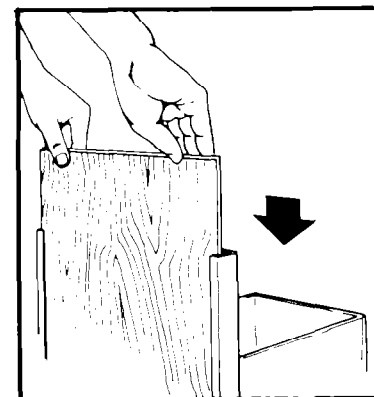
- Remove two screws shown.
- Remove handle.



- Remove the color panel you want.
- Be careful – edges may be sharp.



- Install desired color panel in front, behind drawer trim.
- Reinstall the remaining color panels between cardboard spacers.
- Make sure panels are all the way down.
- Replace handle and screws.



**Option: Match your kitchen's color scheme by replacing color panels with your own creation (wallpaper, panelling). See "Installation Instructions."**

- **WARNING: REPLACE HANDLE BEFORE OPERATING COMPACTOR TO AVOID INJURY FROM MOVING PARTS.**

- Replace the drawer:
  - Put drawer rollers over stops in the drawer guides.
  - Slide drawer back to stops.
  - Lift front of drawer to clear stops.
  - Slide it all the way in.

# If you need service or assistance, we suggest you follow these four steps:

## 1. Before calling for assistance...

Performance problems often result from little things you can find and fix yourself without tools of any kind.

### If the compactor won't operate:

- Is the electric cord securely plugged in?
- Have you checked the main fuse or circuit breaker box?
- Is the drawer completely closed?
- Is the key-knob turned all the way to START before it is released?

### If compactor stops during operation:

- Is the RESTART light on? Push drawer in while turning key-knob to start. Repeat if necessary. Rearrange trash load—do not load rigid items at front of drawer.

### Trash not compacted:

- Drawer must be at least 1/3 full to see compaction

### Not enough compaction or force:

- Compacting works best when only a few items are loaded. Use the compacting cycle frequently.

### Bottles don't break:

- Not all bottles will break every time, depending upon trash load below it.

### Drawer won't open:

- Drawer will open only when ram is all the way up.
- To raise the ram, push drawer in firmly; turn key-knob to START; release key-knob.
- Open drawer lay cans and bottles flat in center of drawer.
- Start compactor again.



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FSP replacement parts will fit right and work right, because they are made to the same exacting specifications used to build every new Whirlpool appliance.

## 2. If you need assistance...

Call Whirlpool COOL-LINE® service assistance telephone numbers. Dial free from:

Continental U.S. .... (800) 253-1301  
 Michigan ..... (800) 632-2243  
 Alaska & Hawaii ..... (800) 253-1121

and talk with one of our trained Consultants. The Consultant can instruct you in how to obtain satisfactory operation from your appliance or, if service is necessary, recommend a qualified service company in your area.



## 3. If you need service ...

Whirlpool has a nationwide network of franchised TECH-CARE® Service Companies. TECH-CARE service technicians are trained to fulfill the product warranty and provide after-warranty service, anywhere in the United States. To locate TECH-CARE service in your area, call our COOL-LINE service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) or look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under:

APPLIANCES—HOUSEHOLD—  
 MAJOR—SERVICE & REPAIR

WHIRLPOOL APPLIANCES  
 FRANCHISED TECH-CARE SERVICE

SERVICE COMPANIES

XYZ SERVICE CO. 999-9999  
 123 Maple

OR

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 MAJOR—REPAIRING & PARTS

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## 4. If you have a problem...

Call our COOL-LINE™ service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) and talk with one of our Consultants, or if you prefer, write to:

Mr. Stephen E. Upton  
 Senior Vice President  
 Whirlpool Corporation  
 Administrative Center  
 2000 US-33 North  
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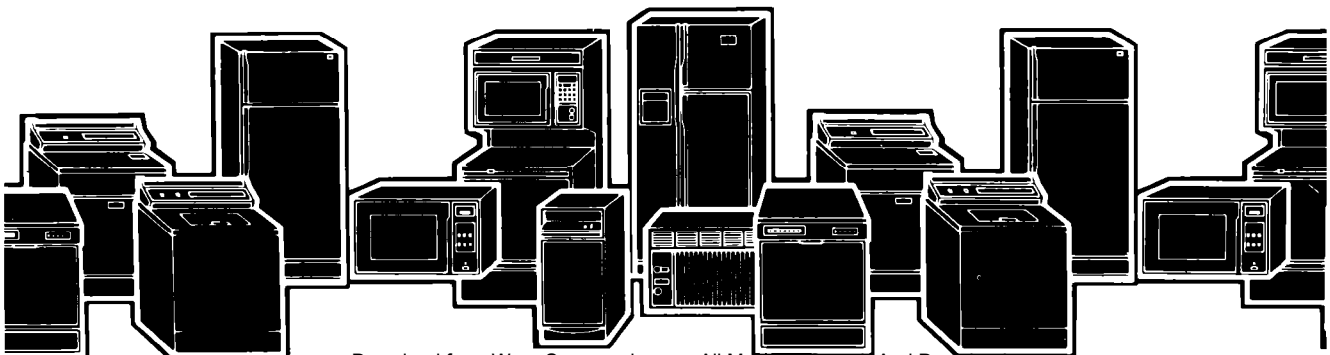
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