

Dishwasher Installation Prep Checklist

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Measure and confirm fit

1 Measure width, height, depth

Check width at top and bottom. A standard unit needs a true 24 inches.

2 Check the spec sheet

Match the model's minimum opening against your smallest measurement.

3 Account for new flooring

Added tile or laminate can raise the floor so the unit no longer clears.

Test the hookups

1 Open and close the water valve

Make sure the hot water shutoff actually moves and seals.

2 Remove the disposal knockout

Required or the dishwasher will not drain into a disposal.

3 Identify the power type

Outlet is DIY-friendly. Hardwired needs a licensed electrician.

Remove the old unit

1 Kill the breaker first

Confirm the circuit is dead before touching any connection.

2 Catch the water

Both the supply line and the drain hose hold water when disconnected.

3 Inspect the cavity

Check for water damage before sliding the new unit in.

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