

ABOUT DISHWASHERS & WASHING MACHINE HOOK UPS

All washing machines or dishwasher installations whether an original installation or a re-installation of a new appliance requires an approved alteration agreement. The reason for this is that we have repeatedly discovered that shareholders are having these appliance installed without the proper plumbing and electrical devices. Check Valves, Shut Off Valves and GFI (grounded) Electrical Outlets are all required for these installations.

CHECK VALVES control the flow of both hot and cold water into the appliance and ensure that water will only flow in one direction and not back up into the main line. When this happens, nearby residents may experience a noticeable loss of water pressure when the appliance is used.

SHUT-OFF VALVES will shut off water pressure to the washing machine or dishwasher when the appliance is not in use. This prevents unnecessary water pressure on appliance hoses. When lines are continuously left “on” the water build up in the hose will shorten its life and deteriorate it. When this happens there is a risk of the hose rupturing which can cause extensive damage to property and lower level apartments.

GROUND FAULT INTERRUPTER (GFI) OUTLETS are to be used wherever there is a nearby source of water. Areas such as kitchens, bathrooms, washing machines and dishwasher outlets are some of the areas that these outlets are required. These outlets quickly shut off power when water comes in contact with the plug thus preventing shorts or electrical shocks to those nearby.