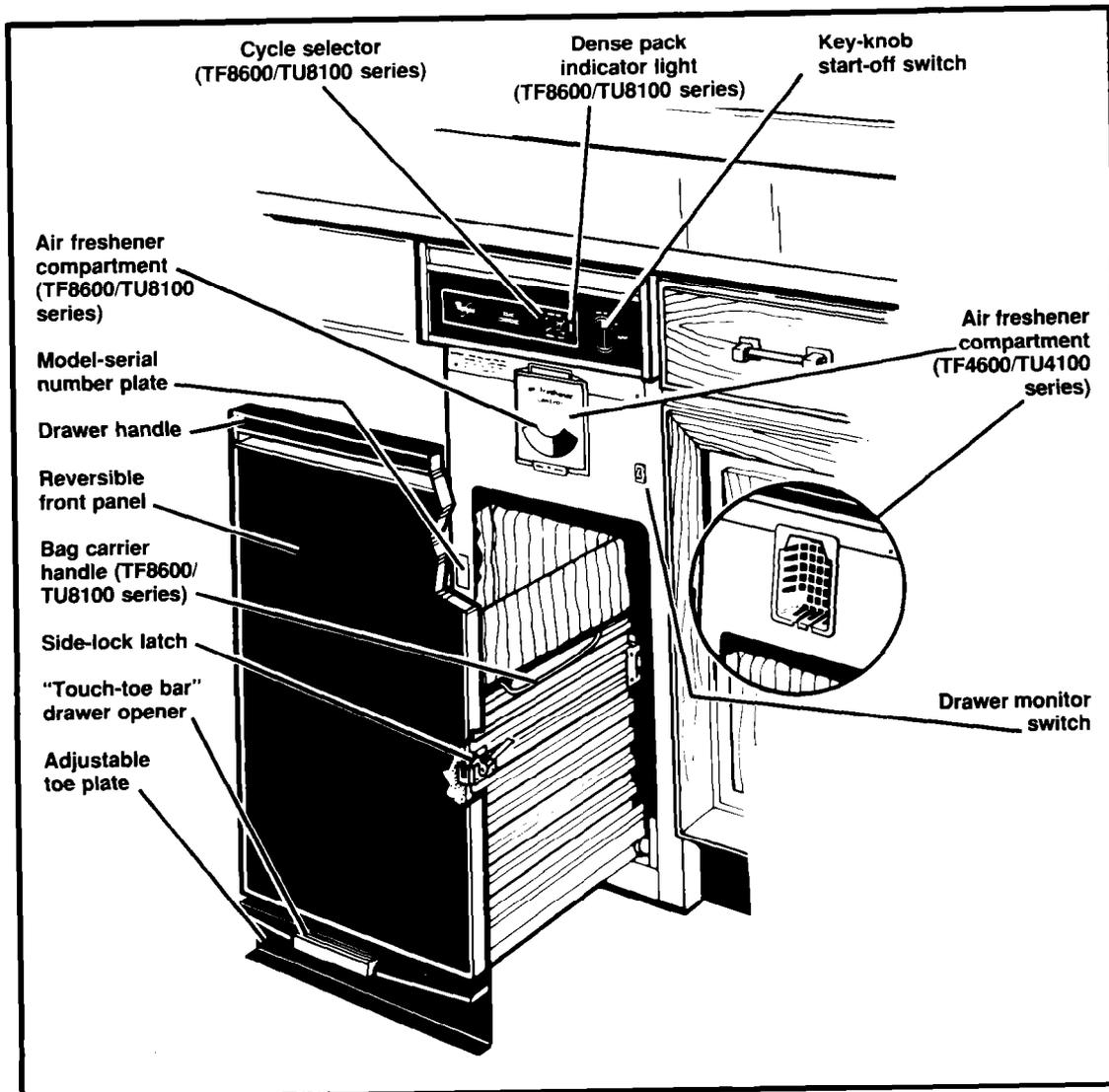




# Use & Care Guide



**BUILT-IN AND FREE STANDING COMPACTORS**  
**MODEL SERIES**  
**TF8600X TU8100X TF4600X TU4100X**

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**Thank you for buying a Whirlpool appliance. Please complete and mail the Owner Registration Card provided with this product.** Then complete the form below. Have this information ready if you need service or call with a question.

- Copy model and serial numbers from plate (see diagram on front cover) and purchase date from sales slip.
- Keep this book and sales slip together in a handy place.

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**Model Number**

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**Serial Number**

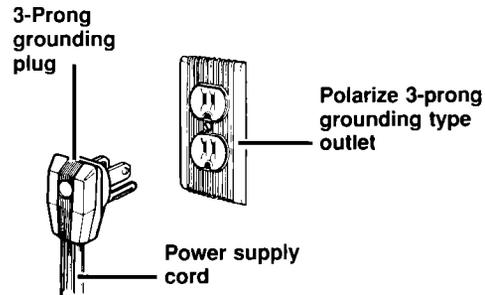
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**Purchase Date**

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**Service Company Phone Number**

## Grounding Instructions



The compactor is for use on a single phase, 115-volt, 60 Hz, AC only 15 or 20 ampere fused and properly grounded circuit and is equipped with a grounding plug as shown above. Time delay fuse or circuit breaker is recommended. It is recommended that a separate circuit serving only this appliance be provided. For your personal safety, the compactor must be grounded. In the event of an electrical short circuit, grounding reduces the risk of electric shock by providing an escape wire for the electric current. This appliance is equipped with a polarized 3-prong grounding plug. It must be plugged into a correctly polarized mating 3-prong grounding type outlet, properly installed and grounded in accordance with the National Electrical Code and local codes and ordinances. No adapter should be used with this appliance.

### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **Electrical Shock Hazard**

**Do not modify the power supply plug provided with the compactor. If it will not fit the outlet, or if you are in doubt as to whether the wall outlet is properly grounded, check with a qualified electrician. Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or personal injury.**

# Important Safety Instructions

## WARNING

To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons when using your compactor, follow basic precautions, including the following:

- Read all instructions before using the compactor.
- Close supervision of children is necessary when the compactor is used near children.
- Do not allow compactor to be used as a toy, or to run unattended at any time. Lock key switch when not in use and store key out of reach of children.
- Do not touch moving parts.
- Have appliance examined, repaired or adjusted by an authorized serviceman.
- Do not compact:
  - lighted cigarettes, cigars or other hot or burning items.
  - any container or aerosol can containing insecticide, hair spray, paint, engine starting fluid or other poisonous, toxic, or explosive products.
  - volatile flammable material such as oily rags, thinner, etc., which would create a fire hazard or explosion.
- Do not take apart this appliance. Incorrect reassembly can cause electric shock when subsequently used.
- Use only for intended use as described in this manual. Do not use other than manufacturer's recommended attachments.
- Never lift the bag by the sides. Broken glass or other sharp objects in the bag can cause injury.
- This compactor is designed for household use only.
- Unplug compactor from electrical outlet before servicing.
- The compactor must be electrically grounded. See the grounding instructions.
- Do not overload trash bag with heavy material such as glass.
- Never operate the compactor if:
  - it is not working right.
  - it is damaged.
  - parts are missing.
  - the cord set, plug or motor is damaged in any manner.
- Never use or store flammable fluids (dry cleaning solvents, gasoline, kerosene, etc.) in or near your compactor. These substances give off vapors that can create a fire hazard or explosion.
- See Installation Instructions.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

### Additional safety instructions and your responsibilities

- Do not shove items down into the compactor with hands or feet. Let the compactor do the compacting.
- Always place glass bottles, etc., on their sides in the center of the drawer. The waste paper below and beside the bottle can help keep broken glass near center of bag.
- Do not use the compactor as a counter for electrical cooking appliances nor as a cutting board (free standing models only).
- Do not install or store compactor where it will be exposed to the weather.
- You are responsible for making sure that your compactor:
  - is used only for jobs normally expected of home compactors.
  - is properly installed and leveled on a floor that can support its weight.
- Do not set hot pans, etc., on the compactor top. Do not spill any liquids on the compactor top (free standing models only).

# Using Your Compactor

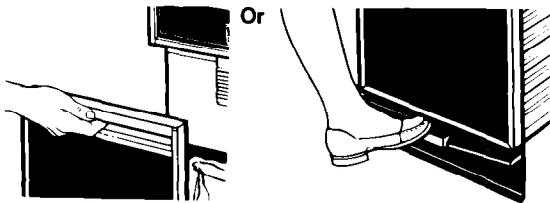
The drawings in this book may vary slightly from your compactor model. They are designed to show the different features of all the models covered by this book.

**NOTE:** Your model may not include all the features shown.

## **⚠ WARNING**

### **Fire or Personal Injury Hazard**

- **Do not compact any container, aerosol cans or cloths which might contain insecticide, hair spray, engine starting fluid, paints, liquids, thinners or any other poisonous or explosive products. Failure to do so may result in a fire hazard or explosion.**
- **Broken glass or sharp edges may be present in trash. Do not shove items down into compactor with feet or hands. Failure to do so may result in personal injury.**



### **Open the drawer:**

Lift and pull the handle or press the Touch-Toe Bar to open the drawer.

### **Put in the trash:**

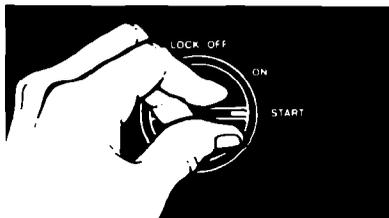
1. Wrap or cover wet or messy trash.
2. Load bottles or cans on their sides in the **center** of the drawer.
3. Do not compact items that may develop offensive odors such as raw meat, fish, grapefruit rinds, disposable diapers, or personal hygiene items.

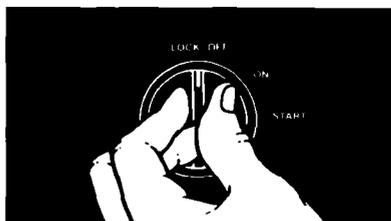
### **Close the drawer:**

Push drawer in until it stops.

### **Start the compactor:**

1. **For TF8600/TU8100 model series only,** position the cycle selector to **NORMAL**.
2. **For all model series,** turn the key-knob to **START**. Let the knob go. The compactor will stop at the end of the cycle.





**To stop the compactor during a cycle:**

1. Turn the key-knob to LOCK/OFF.
2. Turn it to ON. The compacting ram will rise.
3. When the ram stops rising, you can open the drawer.

**To remove the key-knob:**

1. Turn the key-knob to LOCK/OFF.
2. Remove and store in safe place out of children's reach.

## The DENSE PACK cycle (TU8100 and TF8600 model series only)

The DENSE PACK Cycle is a convenience feature that allows you to use fewer bags by extending the use of a bag. This cycle puts constant pressure on trash to keep it from springing back. Regular use of this feature can increase bag capacity up to 20%.

**NOTE:** The cycle selector should be in the NORMAL position when DENSE PACK-HEAVY setting is not being used.

**To use DENSE PACK Cycle:**

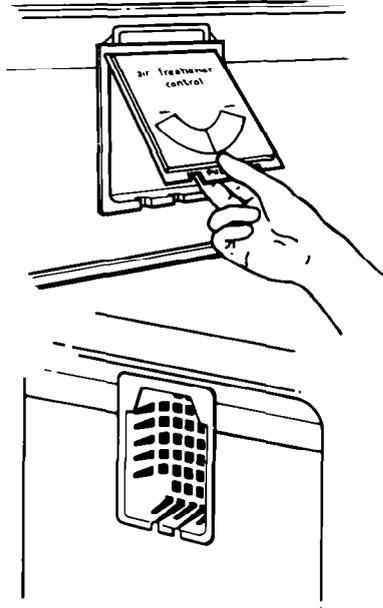
1. Move cycle selector from the NORMAL to HEAVY setting.
2. Turn the key-knob to START and release.
3. The ram will stay in the down position for extra compacting and the DENSE PACK indicator light will come on. **Remember, the drawer can not be opened when ram is down and the DENSE PACK light is on.**
4. For best results, use DENSE PACK-HEAVY setting for at least one-half hour each time the cycle is used.
5. **To raise the ram**, turn key-knob to START or move the cycle selector back to the NORMAL position.

**NOTE:** Fully compacted trash bags will be heavier than normal. Handle with care.

## 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.

Check air freshener occasionally. It should last 4 to 6 weeks.



### TF8600/TU8100 Model Series:

1. Raise the door.
2. Put in solid air freshener.
3. Set dial to NORMAL.
4. Move to MAXimum or MINimum if needed.

### TF4600/TU4100 Model Series:

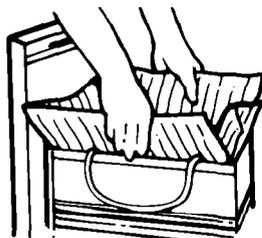
1. Put "adjustable" air freshener in compartment.
2. Adjust according to directions.

## Removing a filled bag

When the trash is compacted to the top of the drawer, remove the bag. If the bag is too heavy, compact less before emptying in the future.

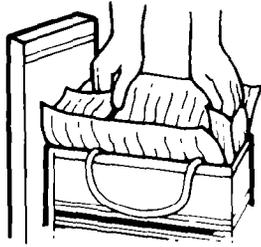
### **⚠ WARNING**

**Personal Injury Hazard**  
Sharp objects may protrude through bag after removal from compactor. Handle bag carefully. Failure to do so may result in personal injury.

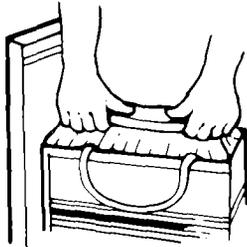


### If you are using paper compactor bags:

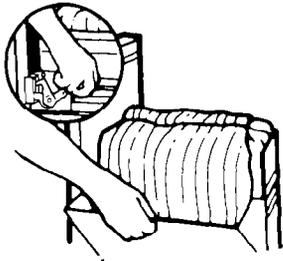
1. Pull the drawer completely open.
2. Pull all four bag cuffs up.



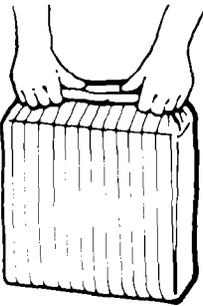
3. Tuck in slotted sides.



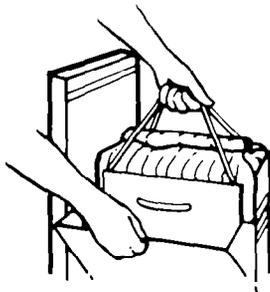
4. Bring top edges together and roll or fold to close bag.



5. Push side-lock latch down and tilt drawer side open.

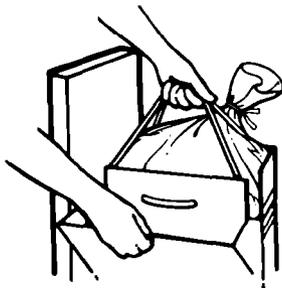
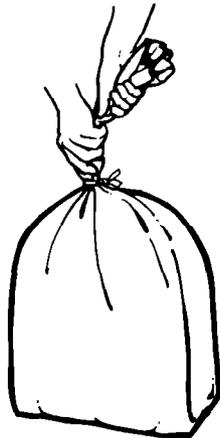
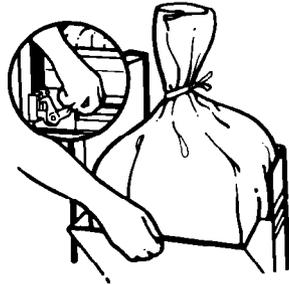
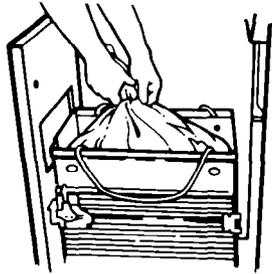


6. **For TF4600/TU4100 model series,** use both hands on the fold and remove the bag.



**For TF8600/TU8100 model series,** lift bag by bag carrier handles.

## Using Your Compactor Continued



**If your compactor has bag retainer buttons and you are using plastic compactor bags:**

1. Pull the drawer completely open.
2. Remove top of bag from bag retainer buttons.  
Pull up all 4 bag cuffs.

3. Close bags with twist ties provided.

4. Push side-lock latch down and tilt drawer side open.

5. **For TF4600/TU4100 model series**, grasp the bag above the twist tie with both hands and remove the bag.

**For TF8600/TU8100 model series**, lift bag by bag carrier handles.

## Installing a new bag

**Before installing a new bag, be sure:**

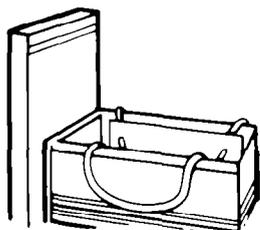
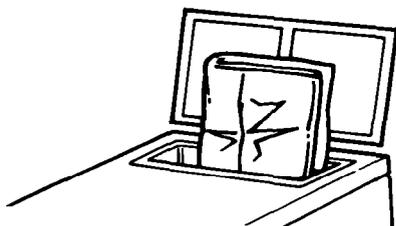
1. The drawer side is securely locked.
2. The container is clean and free of sharp debris that may have punctured the bag.

Do not use any kind of bag other than those designed especially for use in your compactor.

Compactor bags may be purchased from your Whirlpool Appliance Dealer or:

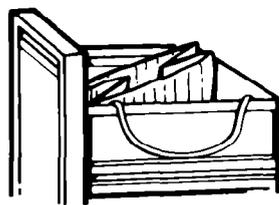
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NOTE: If you have a TF8600 model series, store extra bags in the bag storage compartment in the top at the back.

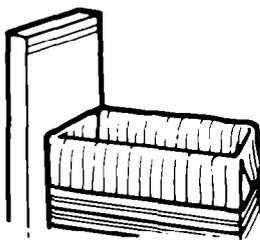


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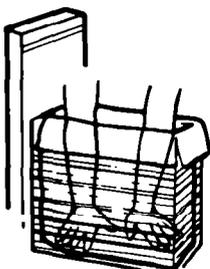
1. **TF8600/TU8100 model series only**, fit the bag caddy in the drawer.



2. **For all model series**, put unopened bag in drawer as shown. Spread front bag corners and slide cuff over right-front corner.

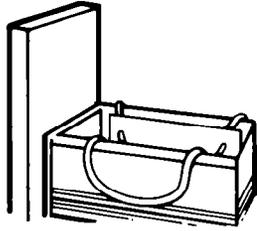


3. Spread rear bag corners and slide cuff over left rear corner.



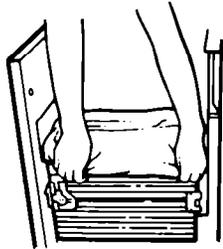
4. Press inside of bag against drawer bottom, sides and corners for a smooth fit.

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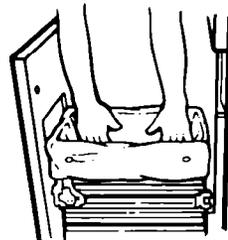
If your compactor has bag retainer buttons and you are using plastic compactor bags:

1. **TF8600/TU8100 model series only**, fit the bag caddy in the drawer.



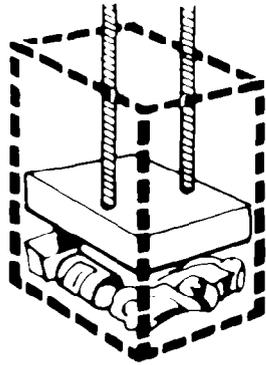
2. **All model series**, place folded bag into the drawer. Open bag and pull top edges over the drawer top.

3. Lock bag in place by pulling the 4 prepunched holes over the bag retainer buttons. Holes will expand over the buttons without harming the bag.

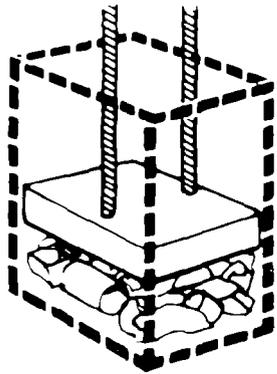


4. Press inside of bag against the drawer bottom, sides and corners for a smooth fit.

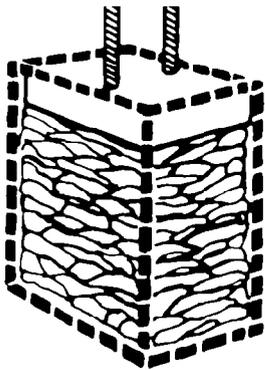
# How Your Compactor Works



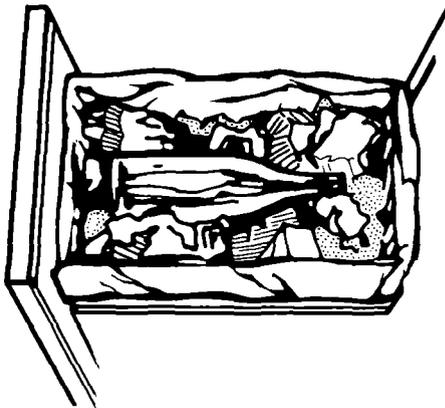
In NORMAL Cycle, the compacting ram does not go to the drawer bottom. You will not see compacting of the first few loadings.



Compaction starts after the drawer is about 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 1/4 the size of its original bulk.



Bottles or cans not placed in the center may become caught between the ram and the drawer. The Drawer Monitor Switch senses a "misload" and causes the ram to return to the "up" position without compacting. Load bulky trash, bottles and cans in the **center** of the drawer.

# Caring For Your Compactor

## **⚠ WARNING**

### **Personal Injury Hazard**

**Wear protective gloves when cleaning the inside of the compactor. Failure to do so may result in cuts if bits of broken glass are present.**

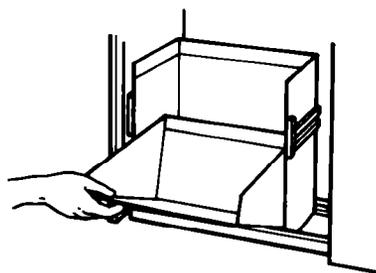
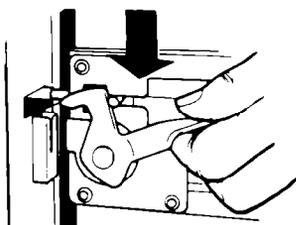
As is true of most appliances, proper care is needed to give you continued satisfaction. Before cleaning the compactor, turn the key-knob to the OFF position and remove. If you will be away for more than a couple of days, remove the compactor bag. Lock the compactor and remove the key-knob. Store the key-knob in a safe place.

### **Clean exterior surfaces:**

1. Wipe with warm, sudsy water and a damp cloth. Rinse. Dry with a soft cloth.
2. Wipe up spills right away. Some foods can damage the finish if left on the compactor surface.

### **Clean inside the drawer:**

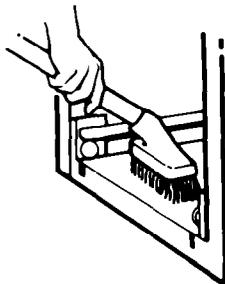
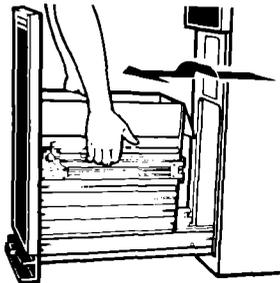
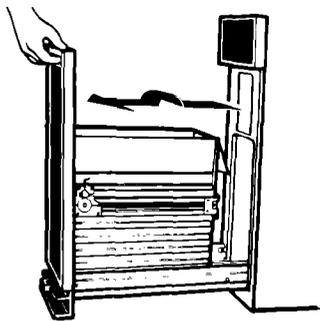
1. Remove the bag. (See "Removing a filled bag" on pages 6 and 7.)
2. Wear protective gloves. There may be bits of glass in the drawer.
3. Press side-lock latch down.



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

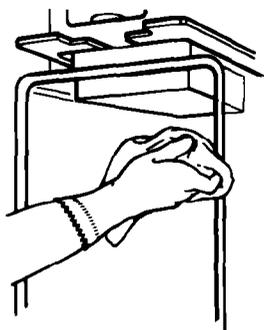
**NOTE:** Drawer side can be removed by tilting it out, then lifting out.

5. Wash with a damp cloth using warm, sudsy water. Rinse. Dry with a soft cloth.
6. If drawer side was removed, slide it back into the tilted position.
7. Press the side-lock latch down while pressing the side to the upright position.
8. Lock the side-lock latch.



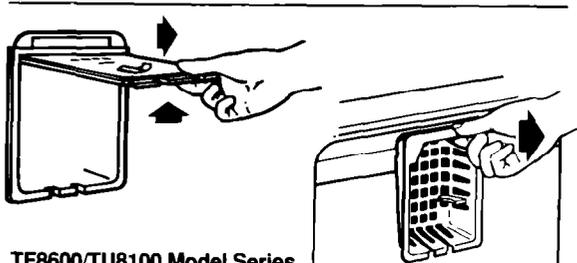
**Clean inside the cabinet:**

1. Wear protective gloves. There may be bits of glass in the cabinet.
2. Pull the drawer out until it stops.
3. Note the tracks in which the drawer rollers move.
4. Lift the front to clear the drawer stops.
5. Grasp the drawer on the sides.
6. Pull it out the rest of the way.
7. Set it down gently.
8. Vacuum inside of cabinet. Liquid spills or wet trash should be cleaned up by hand, or use a vacuum designed to pick up liquids.
9. Wash, rinse and dry inside.
10. Replace drawer.



**Wipe off the ram cover:**

1. Wear protective gloves. There may be bits of glass on the ram cover.
2. Wipe glass particles off ram cover with a cloth or paper towels.
3. Use warm sudsy water to remove foods. Rinse. Dry with a soft cloth.



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

The air freshener compartment can be removed for cleaning.

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

TF8600/TU8100 Model Series

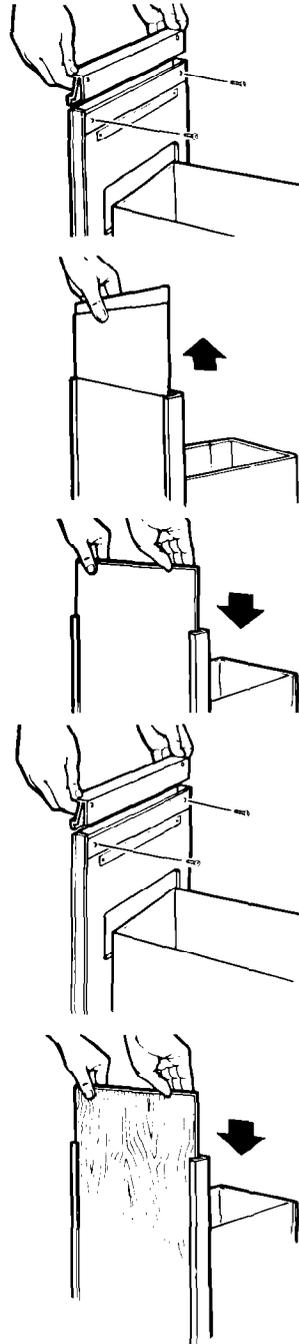
TF4600/TU4100 Model Series

# Changing Your Compactor's Color

The color panel on the front of your compactor's drawer reverses to another color. You may also be able to order an extra color panel, depending on the model you have. Contact your authorized Whirlpool dealer.

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

1. Slide drawer out.
2. Remove two screws shown.
3. Remove handle.



## **⚠ WARNING**

### **Personal Injury Hazard**

**Do not handle front panels carelessly when changing; metal edge could cause injury.**

4. Remove the color panel and reverse. Be careful — edges may be sharp.

**OR**

Place extra panel at front with desired color showing.

5. Make sure panels are all the way down.
6. Be sure to replace cardboard spacer in its former position.

7. Replace handle and screws.
8. Slide drawer back in.

**OPTION:** Match your kitchen's color scheme by replacing color panel with your own creation (wallpaper, paneling). See Installation Instructions.

# If You Need Service Or Assistance

## We suggest you follow these 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 your compactor won't operate:

- Is the power cord plugged into a live circuit with the proper voltage?
- Have you checked your home's main fuses or circuit breaker box?
- Is the drawer completely closed?
- Is the key-knob turned all the way to START before it is released?

#### Drawer won't open:

- Drawer will open only when ram is all the way up.
- To raise the ram, turn the key-knob to START and release or move the DENSE PACK switch back to NORMAL (TU8100 and TF8600 series only).

#### If trash is not compacting:

- Is the drawer loaded properly? If anything gets between the ram and the drawer, the ram will return to the "up" position, without compacting.
- Drawer must be at least 1/3 full before compactor will compact.

#### Not enough compaction or force:

- Compacting works best when only a few items are loaded. Use the compacting cycle frequently. **DENSE PACK can be used on TU8100 and TF8600 series compactors. See page 5.**

#### Bottles don't break:

- Not all bottles will break every time, depending on the bottle and the trash load below it.

### 2. If you need assistance\*...

Call Whirlpool COOL-LINE® service assistance telephone number. Dial free from anywhere in the U.S.:

**1-800-253-1301**

and talk with one of our trained consultants. The consultants 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.

If you prefer, write to:

Mr. Donald Skinner  
Director of Consumer Relations  
Whirlpool Corporation  
2000 M-63  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Please include a daytime phone number in your correspondence.

### 3. If you need service\*...



Whirlpool has a nationwide network of authorized Whirlpool<sup>SM</sup> service companies. Whirlpool service technicians are trained to fulfill the

product warranty and provide after-warranty service, anywhere in the United States. To locate the authorized Whirlpool service company in your area, call our COOL-LINE® service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) or look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under:

APPLIANCE-HOUSEHOLD-  
MAJOR-SERVICE & REPAIR

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES-  
MAJOR-REPAIRING & PARTS

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### 4. If you need FSP\* replacement parts\*...

FSP is a registered trademark of Whirlpool Corporation for quality parts. Look for this symbol of quality whenever you need a replacement part for your Whirlpool appliance. 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.

To locate FSP replacement parts in your area, refer to Step 3 above or call the Whirlpool COOL-LINE service assistance number in Step 2.

### 5. If you are not satisfied with how the problem was solved\*...

- Contact the Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel (MACAP). MACAP is a group of independent consumer experts that voices consumer views at the highest levels of the major appliance industry.
- Contact MACAP only when the dealer, authorized servicer or Whirlpool have failed to resolve your problem.

Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel  
20 North Wacker Drive  
Chicago, IL 60606

- MACAP will in turn inform us of your action.

\*When requesting assistance, please provide: model number, serial number, date of purchase, and a complete description of the problem. This information is needed in order to better respond to your request.

# Whirlpool® Compactor Warranty

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LENGTH OF WARRANTY	WHIRLPOOL WILL PAY FOR
<b>FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY</b> From Date of Purchase	FSP® replacement parts and repair labor to correct defects in materials or workmanship. Service must be provided by an authorized Whirlpool <sup>SM</sup> service company.
<b>WHIRLPOOL WILL NOT PAY FOR</b>	
<p><b>A.</b> Service calls to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Correct the installation of the compactor.</li> <li>2. Instruct you how to use the compactor.</li> <li>3. Replace house fuses or correct house wiring.</li> </ol> <p><b>B.</b> Repairs when compactor is used in other than normal, single-family household use.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Pick up and delivery. This product is designed to be repaired in the home.</p> <p><b>D.</b> Damage to compactor caused by accident, misuse, fire, flood, acts of God or use of products not approved by Whirlpool.</p>	

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages so this limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

Outside the United States, a different warranty may apply. For details, please contact your franchised Whirlpool distributor or military exchange.

If you need service, first see the "Service and Assistance" section of this book. After checking "Service and Assistance," additional help can be found by calling our COOL-LINE® service assistance telephone number, **1-800-253-1301**, from anywhere in the U.S.

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