



Washing Machines

Washing machines and dishwashers are smaller and use less water than machines in the States or other countries.

Always use proper detergent, preferably liquid; use also the proper dosage otherwise it may not dissolve or rinse away completely during the washing cycle, leaving your wash or dishes soapy. Don't forget that these machines use both water and electricity, beware of rising utility bills. Only use either for full loads (but never put excessive loads), try using the sink or tub for smaller or easily rinsable items. Do not wash sneakers and shoes in the washing machine. Never force the machine's door. All machines are provided with a safety mechanism which will prevent you from opening the washing machine door for about 3 minutes after the cycle is completed. Don't open the door without making sure that the cycle is completed, you could flood your apartment and also those beneath it. Never use dyes. Most Italians do not use dryers, thus line-drying is the norm, try to wash on sunny days. You might prefer to use a nearby cleaners or laundromat most of which have large dryers.



Dishwashers



WARNINGS

- Do not use both dishwasher and washing machine at the same time.
- Do not open the doors of these machines before they come to a complete halt (usually 4-5 minutes) and do not turn the dial anti-clockwise.
- Make sure you use the correct program so as not to ruin your clothes.
- Only use the recommended dose of cleaning liquid.
- Average length for a normal program is apx. 1:30 hours.
- Your washer may have an external outlet hose that must be hooked on to a sink or basin. Check each time that you do a wash that the hose is properly in place if it is not, you will flood your apartment and probably the floors underneath.
- If your washing machine has a filter be careful when removing it for cleaning purposes, water is often withheld by lint. Always be sure to mop up any puddles, leakage can cause extensive, and expensive, damage.
- City law severely prohibits hanging clothes from street windows or balconies. Hang washing on racks or on lines out of sight from main street at the rear of the building.