

Maintenance Tips

OVEN NOT WORKING – If stove top is working, check timers if one of the buttons are pushed in.

NO POWER TO SOMETHING – Check breakers, flip off then back on, check GFIs (the plugs that have the little re-set buttons on them) usually located in outlets in kitchen, bathroom and garage. Push the TEST button on the GFI outlet to flip it off and then the RESET button.

NO HOT WATER – if gas, check to make sure pilot is lit. If electric, flip breakers off and then back on – also press reset button (usually a red button underneath the panel on the side of the Hot Water Heater – you will need a Philips screw driver to open the panel).

NO WATER PRESSURE in one sink, but fine in another – take screen off of faucet and clean it out.

CLOGGED DRAINS – try plunging first! Avoid using drain cleaner if possible.

RUNNING TOILET – check your flapper; if not sealing, replace flapper. For toilet handle problem, replace the toilet handle.

In older buildings – **IF AN OUTLET IS NOT WORKING** check for a light switch that does not appear to control anything else; it probably turns the power on the outlet.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL – press reset button and flip breaker if no power to it. If there is power and not turning, turn power off and use a broom handle to see if you can turn it. If you can't make it turn, then call Cardinal.

NO HEAT – check pilot if gas furnace. Check breakers if electric - flip all breakers all the way off then back on. Make sure unit is closed properly where filter is so the safety switch is engaged.

LEAK UNDER SINK – try tightening pipes; for plastic pipes just hand tighten.

DISHWASHER NOT GETTING DISHES CLEAN – try using different type of soap, i.e. if using powder, switch to liquid, vice versa. Cut back on amount of soap you are using, only use about a teaspoon.

DISHWASHER NOT DRAINING – clean screen in bottom of dishwasher.

MILDEW – Clean the area thoroughly with a common household cleaner or peroxide (NOT BLEACH). Dispose of rag, or get clean rag and clean the area thoroughly a second time. THEN make sure you crack a window open when showering and run the exhaust fan after showering for 15-30 minutes. ALSO check all plumbing for leaks, check ceiling for bubbled paint or other sign of roof leak, look for areas that look like they might have water damage. Advise Cardinal Properties if you see any signs of a leak.