Commercial Dishwasher Maintenance Schedule: Quick Reference

Daily, weekly, and seasonal tasks to keep a commercial dishwasher running

Every Shift

1. **Wipe the wash and rinse arms**
   Clear grease and debris from the nozzles before it builds into a clog that changes the spray pattern.
2. **Check the door gasket**
   Look for trapped food or a gap that lets water spray past the seal during a cycle.
3. **Empty and rinse the scrap tray**
   A clogged tray is a common reason a wash cycle stops draining the way it should.

Weekly

1. **Delime on the manufacturer's schedule**
   Ask your equipment supplier or manufacturer how often your specific model calls for deliming, since it varies by water hardness and cycle count.
2. **Check dispenser levels**
   Confirm detergent and rinse aid are dispensing at the levels your manufacturer specifies for your model.

Monthly and Quarterly

1. **Inspect door seals and hinges**
   Wear here often shows up as water escaping the cabinet before anything else changes.
2. **Have wash and rinse pressure checked**
   A qualified technician can confirm pressure is within the range your manufacturer specifies.

Questions to Ask Your Technician

1. **What does my sanitizing cycle need to pass**
   Ask them to walk you through what they check and how that ties to your local health inspection.
2. **How often should this model be serviced**
   Service intervals vary by machine age, water hardness, and how many covers you run each night.

Match the schedule to how hard your machine runs, then confirm it with your manufacturer and a qualified technician.

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