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Shiny kitchen design brochures may have you drooling over high-tech, large-capacity dishwashers, only to gaze at your own cramped kitchen in despair, wondering if a dishwasher could even fit.

Did the eco-friendly decision to move into a tiny house or closet-sized urban apartment doom you to a lifetime of wasting water hand-washing dishes? Never fear: Many of the [greenest dishwasher](#) manufacturers make narrow dishwashers, and there is one dishwasher that can fit almost anywhere.

In the United States, a standard dishwasher is 24 inches wide, 25 inches deep, and about 34 inches tall with adjustable legs. Integrated panel dishwashers, which look like a normal base cabinet, are slightly shallower. Two feet is not a lot of real estate for most kitchens, but if you live in a tiny house or an apartment measured in hundreds of square feet, every inch counts.

Compact Dishwashers

Compact built-in dishwashers (sometimes marketed as narrow or slim) share the height and depth dimensions of a standard dishwasher, but are only 18 inches wide.

The U.S. Department of Energy's [Energy Star program](#) defines a compact dishwasher as one with a capacity of fewer than eight place settings.

Energy Star standards for [compact dishwashers](#) are ≤ 203 kWh/year and ≤ 3.10 gallons/cycle. Dishwashers with a capacity for eight or more place settings, regardless of the width of the machine, are subject to standards of ≤ 270