

The 30-Minute Reset for Cloudy Glasses in Hard Water

Step 1: Empty and Inspect

1 Empty the Dishwasher

Pull both racks. Wipe the door gasket. Check the drain at the bottom for food fragments.

Step 2: Clean the Spray Arms

2 Twist Off the Lower Spray Arm

Run hot water through it. Clear any clogged jet holes with a toothpick.

3 Check the Upper Arm

Pop it off if it releases easily. Soak in vinegar for an hour if scaled.

Step 3: Refill the Rinse Aid

4 Top the Dispenser to the Line

Most homes find it empty. Any major brand works.

5 Set the Dial to Position 4

Factory default is 2, calibrated for soft water labs. Sarasota needs 4.

Step 4: Run the Vinegar Cycle

6 One Cup of White Vinegar

Pour into a dishwasher-safe bowl on the top rack. No detergent.

7 Run Hot Tap Water 30 Seconds

At the kitchen sink before starting. Flushes cold water from the pipe.

8 Hottest Cycle, No Heated Dry

Heated dry forces water spots to set in. Air dry instead.

Step 5: Replace Old Detergent

9 Toss Anything Older Than 6 Months

Florida humidity breaks down powder enzymes fast.

10 Run a Normal Load

Inspect a glass against window light. Cloudiness should be visibly better, often gone.

Hard Water Quick Reference

R Run the kitchen tap on hot for 30 seconds before every cycle

No-cost daily habit.

M Vinegar empty cycle every 2 months

Strips scale build-up from the inside.

Even if the box still has product in it.

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