Rental Property Troubleshooting Guide



Power

Check the fuse box for a tripped switch or blown fuse. Check to see whether any appliance in use may have overloaded the system and caused the switch to switch off, to do this, unplug all appliances including dishwasher, then go to fuse box and see if you can flick the safety switch back on. Also, check if neighbouring properties are also without power and visit https://www.energex.com.au/home/power-outages/emergency-outages-streets/.

Lights

Check bulb or starter switch, check fuse box and see if the safety switch for the lights is tripped, and then if still faulty contact your Property Manager to have it attended to.

Hot Water Systems

If the water is not hot, check...

- That the power is switched on
- That the pilot light is lit (if it is a gas system)
- The Power box for a tripped switch or blown fuse
- That the system is still full of water
- Whether your shower routine changed or increased (tank capacity and/or tariff rates will affect this)

Remember in winter, the efficiency of the tank is less than in summer and the water will get colder quicker. Phone your Property Manager to arrange for a tradesman if you are unable to locate the problem.

Water Meter Leaks

Water bubbling out of the ground could be a serious problem and could lead to further complications. Please phone your Property Manager immediately.

Bath/Shower Leaks

Leaking into wardrobes or any area backing onto the wet area – a regular check of these areas is advisable. If the carpet is wet, sponge and dry area thoroughly and check again after use of the wet area. Advise your Property Manager if it is wet.

Leaking from Toilet

Regular mopping and turning off the tap between uses is adequate until the tradesperson arrives. Please contact your Property Manager during office hours to arrange for a tradesperson.

Faulty Switches or Fans

Do not attempt to fix it yourself. Do not use switches. Check that appliance in use is not at fault. Report to your Property Manager.

Hot Plates

Check that the power is connected. Also check the fuse box for a tripped switch or blown fuse. Contact your Property Manager to arrange a tradesperson to attend.



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Insinkerator

Unblock and push reset button (located underneath). Do not attempt to disassemble unit. Phone your Property Manager and in the meantime, do not use the insinkerator and please dispose of food scraps in the bin or compost.

Washing Machine

Check...

- That the power is connected
- That the hoses are securely attached
- That the water taps are turned on
- That the load of clothes is not off balance or too high
- That the lid is connecting with on/off switch when closing
- If leaking, check hoses for splits

Clothes Dryer

Check...

- Clean filter before every use of the dryer
- That the power is on
- That the Dryer is not overloaded
- Whether the air temperature is hot when running

Pool Problems

- Water level is a priority and must always be kept at a level to allow water to flow through the skimmer boxes . Failure to do this could result in a large compensation claim against you
- No metal objects are to be allowed in the pool as it could cause corrosion marks
- No animals in the pool as this creates a chemical imbalance
- Ensure regular testing of water to keep correct PH level, this helps prevent mould/fungus forming in the pool
- Vacuum at least once a week to keep pool clear of debris
- Regular checks of pump to ensure motor working correctly and efficiently (making funny noises could be
 a forerunner to a problem). Leaking or pooling water at the pump could mean a cracked casing and will
 need attention
- Even if the pool is maintained for you as part of your lease, it is still part of your responsibility to keep an eye/ear out for any problems

Pests

Under your tenancy agreement, you are responsible for keeping the premises free from pests and vermin. Please contact your Property Manager should you have any queries in this regard.