

TRASH AND LINEN CHUTE MAINTENANCE

The Valiant trash/linen chute installed in your building has been manufactured and installed to comply with all building codes and fire regulations currently in effect in your area. It is very important to the safety of your building and tenants that you maintain your chute to stay in compliance with the fire codes. Failure to do so will result in the chute being permanently sealed or the building being closed and evacuated until the proper repairs are made.

To insure that your chute is working properly, and in compliance with the fire codes, you must:

1. **Make sure all intake doors close completely and latch** – To do this, make sure the shaft hinges are well oiled, the hydraulic door closer is working properly, the door frame is free of debris and the door handles and latches are in good repair.
2. **Make sure the fire door at the bottom of the chute will close in case of fire** – On a trash chute, the bottom of the chute is equipped with a fire door that closes if a fire occurs in the room and the temperature exceeds 155°F. The door consists of a sliding or rolling panel that is held in the open position by (2) 1" x 12" springs and a 155° lead fusible link. The fire door should be inspected annually. Make sure the springs have retained their tension, the fusible link is intact and the track that the door slides or rolls on is free of debris and corrosion. To test the door, remove the springs and fusible link and manually roll or slide the door back and forth on the track. If the door does not move freely, clean the track and apply oil or WD-40. Once you test the door, reattach the springs and fusible link. For a linen chute with top hinged door, make sure the chain holding the door open is equipped with a 155° fusible link and the door is free from any obstruction that would prevent the door from closing in the case of a fire.

Note: Doors must remain open at all other times to avoid linen or debris from backing up into the chute. Failure to do so can result in damage to chute and will void warranty.

3. **Make sure the roof vent is clear of obstructions and open to free air** – The vent located on the roof is designed to smoke vent out of the chute in case of fire. Check the vent periodically and make sure nothing is preventing the free flow of smoke.
4. **Fire sprinklers** – Your chute is equipped with 155° automatic fire sprinklers; located on the top floor, alternate floors down and the first intake level. If a fire does occur in the chute, the fire sprinklers will automatically turn on to extinguish the fire. Once the sprinklers are used, they need to be replaced. Fire sprinklers are located inside the chute doors in the upper left hand corner. To install new sprinklers, unscrew the old sprinkler and replace with a new one. It is recommended you wrap the threaded section of the new sprinkler with Teflon tape before inserting the new sprinklers.

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