Built-In Appliance Installation: A Pre-Delivery Checklist

What to confirm before, during, and after your installer arrives

Before the Appliance Arrives

1. **Measure against the new appliance's spec sheet**
   Confirm the cutout matches the appliance being installed, not the one being replaced.
2. **Locate the hookup zone**
   Check that the outlet, gas line, or water line sits within reach of the appliance's actual connection point.
3. **Confirm the vent path is clear**
   Any appliance that vents outside the house needs a clear, correctly sized path checked before delivery.
4. **Clear a path to the kitchen**
   Make sure the appliance and its packaging can get from the door to the install site without obstruction.

On Installation Day

1. **Watch it get leveled**
   A level appliance sits evenly on all sides and does not rock when nudged.
2. **Ask for a full test cycle**
   Powering on is not the same as running a complete cycle before the installer leaves.
3. **Check trim and panel fit**
   Confirm any trim kit or panel sits flush with the surrounding cabinetry.

Questions to Ask Your Installer or Contractor

1. **Who is completing the gas or electrical connection**
   Confirm the person doing that specific part of the work holds the appropriate license.
2. **What clearance does this exact model need**
   Ask for the number from the model's own installation manual, not a general estimate.
3. **What should I check in the first week**
   A good installer can tell you what normal operation looks and sounds like for your specific appliance.

Match each step to your appliance's own installation manual, then keep that paperwork somewhere you can find it again.

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