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## Introduction

Commercial trash compactors are powerful machines designed to reduce the volume of waste, making waste management more efficient and sustainable. This guide will provide step-by-step instructions on how to operate, maintain, and use these machines safely. Always consult your specific model's user manual for detailed instructions.

## Preparing Your Area

		
Positioning	Clearance	Power Source
The compactor should be situated on a stable, level surface in an accessible yet secure area.	Ensure there's ample clearance around the unit for ventilation and ease of operation. Keep flammable substances away.	Connect the compactor to a dedicated, grounded electrical outlet. Avoid using extension cords.

## Loading the Trash Compactor

1. **Waste Selection:** Use the compactor for dry, non-recyclable waste. Never compact hazardous materials, glass, metal, or large bones.
2. **Bag Insertion:** Use bags specifically designed for your compactor model. Fit the bag snugly into the corners.
3. **Loading Trash:** Load waste evenly without overfilling. The waste should not exceed the top of the drawer when open.

# Operating the Trash Compactor

1. **Closing:** Ensure the drawer is securely closed; most models won't operate otherwise.
2. **Starting:** To start the compaction cycle, turn the key-knob to "Start" and then release.
3. **Stopping:** The compactor will stop automatically once the cycle is complete. If needed, manually stop it by turning the key-knob to "Off."

**Remember:** Regularly inspect your compactor for signs of wear and tear. If any issues arise, contact your Groot representative for repair.

# Safety Considerations

1. **Avoid Overloading:** Overloading can cause jams or tipping.
2. **No Hazardous Materials:** Never compact flammable materials, toxic waste, or aerosol cans.
3. **Child Safety:** Keep children away from the compactor and use the lock function if available.

## Contact Details

For questions or clarifications, don't hesitate to reach out anytime:

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