

Dog Washing Stations

Dog washing stations are a highly desirable amenity in multi-family communities, offering convenience for pet owners while helping to attract and retain pet-friendly tenants. These stations can be efficiently integrated into underutilized areas such as mudrooms, basements, garages, or laundry rooms, maximizing existing space without requiring major structural changes.

This report provides valuable resources and key considerations for incorporating dog washing stations into your next multifamily project. As a best practice, always consult local building codes and ADA guidelines to ensure compliance with accessibility and design requirements.

Features

Location: Dog washing stations should be close to elevators and have easy access to outdoors.

Cost: Installation can cost between \$3,500 and \$8,000 per tub, depending on equipment. Some communities offer them as a free amenity, while others charge a fee.

Maintenance: Dog washing stations require maintenance to prevent clogs from pet hair and to replace damaged tubs.

Accessibility: ADA accessibility requirements are becoming more important, but there is no clear definition for pet wash accessibility.

Key Benefits

Avoids plumbing issues: Prevents clogs from pet hair in kitchen sink drains in tenant units.

Avoids damage: Prevents scratches and other damage to bathrooms and other surfaces.

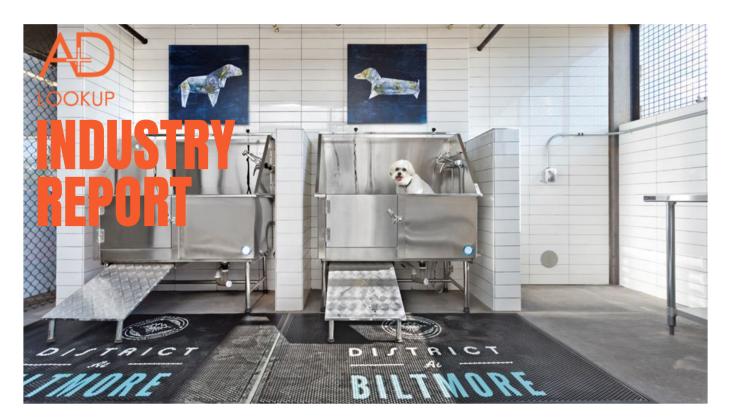
Appeals to pet owners: Adds a benefit to both residents and the building owner.

Design Considerations

The size of the dog washing station should be appropriate for the size of the dogs that will be using it.

For tall breeds, a deeper basin may be needed to prevent water from splashing out.





ADA Considerations

When incorporating a dog washing station into a multi-family project, it's important to consider ADA guidelines to ensure accessibility for all users. According to these guidelines, the station should provide a clear floor space of at least 30 inches by 48 inches to allow wheelchair maneuverability. Faucets and controls must be within reach, typically no higher than 48 inches, and operable with one hand, without the need for tight grasping or twisting. The surrounding floor should be slip-resistant to prevent falls, and the tub should be designed with appropriate depth and rim height for ease of use. Additionally, secure leash anchor points within reach help keep pets safely in place during washing. While specific requirements may vary by local code, the overarching goal is to create a safe, functional, and accessible space for all residents.



Product Highlight

Architessa

Canine by Architessa is a playful and distinctive tile collection that adds personality and charm to any dog washing station. Featuring a cast of adorable pups; Winston, Max, Benji, Rocky, Duke, and Charlie; this cement tile brings a whimsical yet stylish touch to pet-friendly spaces. Each tile is handmade using traditional techniques dating back to the 1850s, offering a matte finish that showcases craftsmanship and character. To ensure durability and longevity, all tiles in the CANINE collection must be sealed with DryTreat Sealer. Hot diggity dog -this collection is sure to make tails wag!

CANINE COLLECTION

















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