

## Rubbermaid 2145983

# Rubbermaid Elite Stainless Steel Sensor Trash Can

Model: 2145983 | Brand: Rubbermaid

## INTRODUCTION

The Rubbermaid Elite Stainless Steel Sensor Trash Can is designed for convenient and hygienic waste disposal. Featuring touch-free operation, a soft-close lid, and a smudge-resistant finish, this 12.4-gallon charcoal container is suitable for various home and kitchen environments. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your new sensor trash can.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

- Keep hands and loose clothing clear of the lid mechanism during operation to prevent injury.
- Do not immerse the lid assembly in water or any liquid, as this may damage electronic components. Clean with a damp cloth only.
- Ensure batteries are inserted correctly according to polarity markings. Do not mix old and new batteries, or different types of batteries.
- Dispose of used batteries responsibly according to local regulations.
- This product is intended for indoor use only.

## PACKAGE CONTENTS

- 1 x Rubbermaid Elite Stainless Steel Sensor Trash Can
- 4 x AA Batteries

## SETUP

### 1. Battery Installation

Your sensor trash can requires 4 AA batteries for operation. The battery compartment is located on the underside of the lid assembly.

1. Carefully remove the lid from the trash can body.

2. Locate the battery compartment on the underside of the lid.
3. Open the battery compartment cover.
4. Insert 4 AA batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+/-) as indicated inside the compartment.
5. Close the battery compartment cover securely.



**Figure 1: Battery Installation.** A hand is shown inserting AA batteries into the designated compartment on the underside of the trash can lid. This compartment is designed for easy access and secure battery placement.

## 2. Liner Installation

The trash can features a removable liner bucket and an integrated bag cinch to secure trash bags.

1. Place a standard 13-gallon trash bag into the removable liner bucket.
2. Fold the top edge of the trash bag over the rim of the liner bucket.
3. Secure the trash bag using the integrated bag cinch mechanism to prevent slipping.
4. Carefully place the filled liner bucket back into the stainless steel body of the trash can.
5. Place the lid assembly back onto the trash can body, ensuring it is properly aligned.



**Figure 2: Bag Cinch Mechanism.** A close-up view illustrates how the integrated liner cinch secures a trash bag, preventing it from slipping down into the can, even with heavy loads.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Hands-Free Operation (Motion Sensor)

The trash can is equipped with sensor technology for touch-free access.

- To open the lid, simply wave your hand approximately 6-8 inches above the sensor located on the front of the lid.
- The lid will open automatically and remain open for a few seconds.
- After a short delay, the lid will close softly and quietly.

## Touchless Access

Sensor functionality allows the container to open with just the wave of a hand



**Figure 3: Touchless Access.** A woman demonstrates the hands-free operation by waving her hand over the sensor, causing the lid to open automatically for hygienic waste disposal.

## 2. Stay-Open Feature

For longer tasks or when frequent access is needed, you can activate the stay-open feature.

- Press the 'Open' button located on the lid control panel. The lid will open and remain in the open position.
- To close the lid, press the 'Close' button on the control panel. The lid will then close softly.



**Figure 4: Stay-Open Lid.** A detailed view of the lid's control panel shows a finger pressing the button to activate the stay-open feature, useful for extended tasks.

### 3. Soft-Close Lid

The lid is designed to close gently and quietly, minimizing noise in your home.

- After the sensor detects no activity or after the stay-open feature is disengaged, the lid will slowly ease down.
- Avoid forcing the lid closed, as this may damage the soft-close mechanism.



Batteries included with purchase

**Figure 5: Slow-Close Lid.** The image captures the trash can lid in the process of gently closing, highlighting its controlled and quiet operation.

## MAINTENANCE

### Cleaning the Exterior

The stainless steel exterior is smudge-resistant, making it easy to maintain its clean appearance.

- Wipe the exterior with a soft, damp cloth and a mild, non-abrasive cleaner.
- Dry thoroughly with a soft, dry cloth to prevent water spots.
- Do not use harsh chemicals, abrasive pads, or steel wool, as these can damage the finish.



## Modern Finish

The fingerprint resistant, stainless-steel elevates your space and complements kitchen appliances

**Figure 6: Modern Finish.** The charcoal stainless-steel finish of the trash can complements modern kitchen appliances and is designed to resist fingerprints and smudges.

### Cleaning the Removable Liner

The removable liner bucket can be easily cleaned to maintain hygiene.

- Remove the lid and lift out the removable liner bucket.
- Wash the liner bucket with warm, soapy water.
- Rinse thoroughly and allow it to dry completely before placing it back into the trash can body.

### Battery Replacement

When the sensor's response becomes slow or inconsistent, it may be time to replace the batteries. Follow the battery installation steps in the Setup section.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Lid not opening/closing:** Check if the batteries are correctly installed and have sufficient charge. Replace batteries if necessary. Ensure no obstructions are blocking the sensor or lid path.
- **Lid squeaking:** Apply a small amount of silicone-based lubricant to the hinge points of the lid mechanism. Avoid oil-based lubricants.

- **Sensor too sensitive/not sensitive enough:** Ensure the sensor area is clean and free from debris. The sensor's range is fixed; adjust placement of the trash can if unintended activations occur.
- **Lid stops working after a few months:** This could indicate battery depletion or a potential issue with the sensor mechanism. Try replacing batteries first. If the issue persists, refer to the warranty information for support.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Rubbermaid
Model Number	2145983
Capacity	12.4 Gallons
Color	Charcoal
Material	Stainless Steel
Opening Mechanism	Motion Sensor (Open-Top)
Special Features	Close Lid, Motion Sensor, Quiet Close, Smudge Resistant, Removable Liner, Bag Cinch, Stay Open Feature
Product Dimensions	21"L x 13"W x 28.2"H
Item Weight	11.4 Pounds
Batteries Required	Yes (4 AA, included)



**Figure 7: Product Dimensions.** An image of the trash can with its length (21"), width (13.25"), and height (29") clearly marked.

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Rubbermaid Elite Stainless Steel Sensor Trash Can comes with a 5-year warranty. For warranty claims, technical support, or any product-related inquiries, please contact Rubbermaid customer service.

Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

For more information, visit the official [Rubbermaid Store](#).

## OFFICIAL PRODUCT VIDEOS

### Elite Sensor Instructional Video

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This video provides a comprehensive instructional guide for the Rubbermaid Elite Sensor Trash Can, demonstrating its features and proper usage.