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HOME CARE RESOURCE CENTER

Tips for Every Room—and Every Season.

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🏠 Appliance, Home, & Vehicle Care Tips

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Appliance Repair

Home Care
Maintenance & Safety
Guide

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WASHER

MAINTENANCE TIPS

Keep It Clean. Keep It Running.



Check Hoses Monthly

Inspect for cracks, bulges, or leaks—replace if worn.



Leave the Door Open After Use

Prevents mold and mildew buildup in front-load washers.



Run a Cleaning Cycle Once a Mo

Use washer cleaner or a hot cycle with white vinegar.



Don't Overload the Drum

Too much laundry strains motor and suspension.



Use the Right Detergent

HE detergent only! Excess suds can damage the machine.



Schedule Annual Maintenance

Catch small issues before they become big problems.

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DRYER

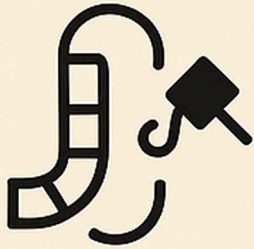
MAINTENANCE TIPS

Stay Safe. Stay Efficient.



CLEAN THE LINT FILTER AFTER EVERY LOAD

Prevents fire risk and improves drying performance.



CHECK THE VENT HOSE MONTHLY

Look for lint buildup, bends, or disconnections—clear if blocked.



HAVE THE EXHAUST VENT PROFESSIONALLY CLEANED YEARLY Keeps airflow strong and reduces overheating.



DON'T OVERLOAD THE DRYER

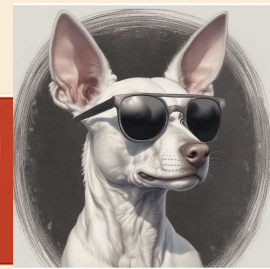
Too much weight can wear down the motor and drum rollers.



SORT BY FABRIC TYPE

Lighter loads dry faster and avoid heat damage to delicates.

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DISHWASHER MAINTENANCE TIPS

Clean Dishes. Clean Machine.



Clean the Filter Weekly

Remove food particles to prevent clogs and odors.



Check Spray Arms for Blockage

Wipe off debris and clear holes to ensure even cleaning.



Run Hot Vinegar Cycle Monthly

Removes grease, limescale, and buildup—no dishes inside.



Use a Dishwasher Cleaner or Citric Acid

Keeps the interior fresh and prevents mineral deposits.



Use the Right Detergent

Powder, pods, or liquid—only use products labeled for dishwashers.



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GARBAGE DISPOSAL MAINTENANCE TIPS

Grind Smart. Keep it Fresh.



Run Cold Water Before & After Use

Flushes food down completely and helps prevent clogs.



Grind Ice Cubes Monthly

Cleans the blades and knocks away buildup.



Use Citrus Peels for Freshness

Toss in lemon or orange peels to eliminate odors.



Avoid Grease, Bones & Fibrous Foods

No fats, celery, potato peels, or coffee grounds—they cause jams.



Unplug Before Manual Cleaning or Inspection

Always disconnect power before reaching in or servicing.



Clean with Baking Soda & Vinegar

Pour 1/2 cup of baking soda followed by vinegar—let sit, then flush with water!

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REFRIGERATOR MAINTENANCE TIPS

COOLER CARE. FRESHER FOOD.



WIPE DOWN DOOR SEALS MONTHLY

Dirty or cracked gaskets let cold air escape—clean with mild soap.



VACUUM THE CONDENSER COILS EVERY 6 MONTHS

Dusty coils make the compressor work harder—located in the back or underneath.



CHECK THE TEMPERATURE SETTINGS

Fridge: 37- 40°F | Freezer: 0°F—keeps food safe and energy use low.



DON'T BLOCK AIR VENTS INSIDE

Airflow needs space—avoid overpacking shelves.



DEFROST IF ICE BUILDUP FORMS

Excess frost in manual-defrost models reduces cooling efficiency

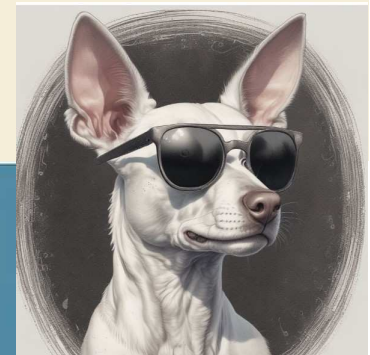
CLEAN SPILLS IMMEDIATELY

Sticky residue can cause odors and attract pests

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GLASS TOP RANGE MAINTENANCE TIPS

Shine Bright. Cook Right.



Wipe After Each Use

Use a soft cloth or sponge with warm soapy water – avoid abrasive pads.



Avoid Spills on Hot Surface

Sugary spills can pit the glass – clean immediately after cooling.



Use a Non-Abrasive Glass Cooktop Cleaner Weekly

Buff with a soft cloth for a streak-free shine.



Use Flat-Bottomed Cookware Only

Uneven pots cause poor heat transfer and can scratch the surface.



Never Drag Pans Across the Surface

Lift cookware to avoid scratches or cracks

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OVEN

MAINTENANCE TIPS

Cook Smarter. Bake Better.



Clean Spills Immediately

Burned-on messes cause smoke and odors—wipe up once cool.



Run a Self-Cleaning Cycle Monthly

Follow your manufacturer's directions—remove racks before starting.



Inspect the Door Seal

A loose or cracked gasket lets heat escape and increases cook times.



Check Rack Placement

Correct position ensures even cooking—center for baking, higher for broiling



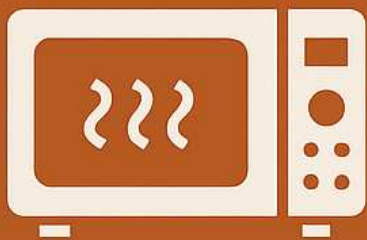
Test the Temperature Accuracy

Use an oven thermometer—adjust settings if it runs too hot or cold.



Unplug or Disconnect Power Before Deep Cleaning

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MICROWAVE MAINTENANCE TIPS

Quick Fixes for Long-Term Use.



WIPE THE INTERIOR DAILY

Food splatters can cause odors and uneven heating—use a damp cloth or sponge.



STEAM CLEAN WITH LEMON WEEKLY

Microwave a bowl of water with lemon slices for 5 minutes—easily loosens grime.



USE ONLY MICROWAVE-SAFE CONTAINERS

Avoid metal, foil, or plastic not labeled "microwave safe."



UNPLUG BEFORE CLEANING THE EXTERIOR

Prevents shock and accidental button presses during wipe-down.



DON'T RUN IT EMPTY

Running without food can damage the magnetron and internal parts.



CHECK THE DOOR SEAL AND LATCH

Make sure it closes fully—damaged seals reduce performance and safety.

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WATER HEATER MAINTENANCE TIPS

Keep It Flowing. Keep It Safe.



FLUSH THE TANK ONCE A YEAR

Removes sediment buildup that reduces efficiency and lifespan.



CHECK THE TEMPERATURE SETTING

Keep it at 120°F—hot enough for safety, low enough to save energy.



INSPECT THE ANODE ROD EVERY 2-3 YEARS

Prevents tank corrosion—replace if worn to extend the unit's life.



TEST THE PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE ANNUALLY

Lift the lever—ensure water flows and stops when released.



CLEAN AROUND THE BASE OF HEATER

Keep dust and debris away from the burner and vents (gas models).



WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

Rusty water, noises, or slow hot waterflow? Time for service.



LAWN EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE TIPS

Store It Right. Keep It Running.



Use Fresh, Stabilized Fuel

Old gas causes starting problems—add fuel stabilizer if storing over 30 days.



Check Oil Levels Before Each Use

Low oil can damage engines—change oil every season or 25 hours of use



Clean Grass Clippings & Debris

Wipe down mower decks and blades to prevent rust and buildup



Sharpen Blades Each Season

Dull blades tear grass—have them professionally sharpened or replace



Inspect Spark Plugs & Air Filters

Replace if worn or dirty—keeps engines running smooth



Store in a Dry, Covered Area

Keep tools off damp ground—cover or hang to prevent rust and pests



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APPLIANCE SAFETY FIRST

Protect Your Home. Protect Yourself.



Smell Smoke or Burning?

Turn off the appliance immediately. If safe, Don't open doors or lids—Call for help.



Water Leaking or Flooding?

Shut off the water supply valve. Unplug nearby appliances—clear if blocked.



See Sparks or Hear Popping?

Shut off power at the breaker if safe. Call a technician.



Fire Starting in an Appliance?

Use a fire extinguisher only if it's safe. Never use water on electrical or grease fires.



Never Touch a Wet Appliance

Electric shock is a serious risk. Wait until a technician inspects it—Call 911.



If in Doubt, Don't Touch it

Step away and call a qualified technician or emergency services.



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HURRICANE SEASON PREP TIPS

Be Ready. Stay Safe.



Stock Emergency Supplies

Water, non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries, first aid kit, and medications.



Charge Phones & Backups

Power up all devices and external battery packs ahead of the storm.



Unplug Electronics & Secure Appliances

Protect from surges and water damage—raise items off floors if flooding is possible.



Secure Loose Outdoor Items

Tie down or bring in furniture, grills, tools, and decorations.



Gather Important Documents

Keep ID, insurance, and medical records in a waterproof container.



Stay Informed

Use a battery-powered radio and monitor alerts from local officials.



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AUTOMOTIVE CARE TIPS

Keep It Rolling. Keep It Reliable.



CHECK OIL & FLUID LEVELS MONTHLY

Monitor engine oil, brake fluid, coolant, and windshield washer fluid.



INSPECT TIRE PRESSURE & TREAD

Proper pressure improves fuel economy and handling—look for uneven wear.



TEST THE BATTERY & CLEAN TERMINALS

Corrosion can prevent starts—clean terminals and test charge.



LISTEN FOR UNUSUAL NOISES

Squeals, knocks, or grinding may signal early trouble—don't ignore them.



CHECK LIGHTS INSIDE & OUT

Test headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and interior lights monthly.



WASH AND WAX REGULARLY

Protects paint and prevents rust—especially after rain or salty roads.

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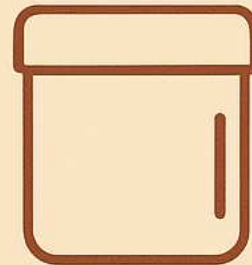
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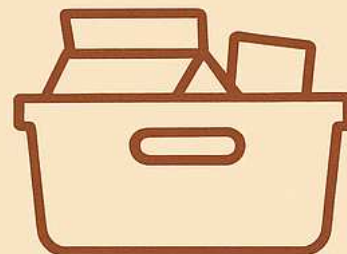
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70°F (21°C)
OR BELOW**



- 2 STORE IN
SEALED JARS
OR CONTAINERS**



- 3 USE BINS TO
GROUP LIKE
ITEMS**



- 4 PUT NEW
PRODUCTS
IN BACK**





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