



PREPARING YOUR REFRIGERATOR

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- 1 Proper pre-move cleaning will help ensure a cleaner and longer lasting appliance in your home.
- 2 When the refrigerator is un-plugged, the cycling of air stops and the existing air inside becomes moist creating an environment conducive to mold.
- 3 Failure to complete the cleaning and preparation process thoroughly may permanently ruin your appliance.



PROPER STEPS FOR CLEANING & PREPARATION

NOTICE: IF YOU HAVE A WATER DISPENSER MODEL, ALLOW A TRAINED APPLIANCE COMPANY TO:

- Turn off the water to the refrigerator
- Cap the water line
- Suction the water out of your refrigerator (lines, solenoid, filter and reservoir)
- Secure the lines for transit
- Secure the filter (remover & wrap)
- Ensure the proper disconnection of the icemaker

If you intend to disconnect the water lines/service the icemaker yourself, be sure to follow the instruction provided by the manufacturer.

- 1) **TURN OFF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO MOVE.** Make sure the filter has been removed and secured for transit. This is normally a good time to purchase a replacement filter for destination to avoid mold or bacteria growth. If your refrigerator goes to storage, definitely replace the filter.
- 2) **BEFORE YOU CLEAN, REMOVE ALL FOOD AND UNPLUG THE APPLIANCE.** Use a towel to catch dripping water even with frost-free models.
- 3) **REMOVE THE DRAWERS AND WASH THEM.** Use warm, mildly-soapy water to remove all food debris. **DO NOT** use hot water—this can crack cold plastic or glass.
- 4) **WIPE DOWN AND CLEAN THE REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER.** Use a few teaspoons of baking soda per quart of water. **DO NOT** use ammonia, bleach or abrasive cleaning solutions. **DRY THOROUGHLY** after wiping down and cleaning.
- 5) **LEAVE THE DOORS OPEN TO ALLOW THE APPLIANCE TIME TO COMPLETELY DRY.** We recommend doing this at least 24 hours prior to moving. Using a small fan will help expedite the process.
- 6) **USE AN ABSORBANT FOR PRESERVING A DRY ENVIRONMENT.** These methods include: securing a box of baking soda inside, placing a small brown paper bag inside that is securely closed with a few cups of unused coffee grounds, and hanging a nylon with unused coffee ground from a shelf. Make sure these items are secured and cannot spill.



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