

# Use and Care Guide

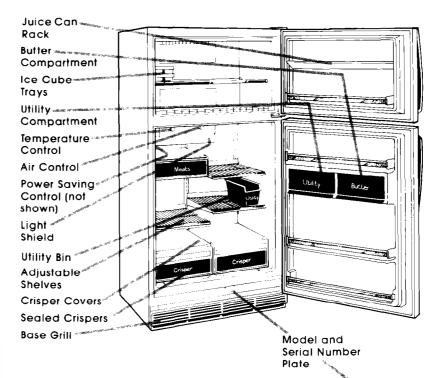
## Please read this Use and Care Guide before you do anything else...

This booklet tells you how to start your refrigerator, clean it, move shelves and adjust controls. It even tells you what to do if you hear strange sounds or think something is wrong.

Treat your new refrigerator with care. Use it only to do what home refrigerators are designed to do.

## Safety First

Child entrapment, and suffocation, are not things of the past.
Junked or abandoned refrigerators are still dangerous...even if they will "just sit in the garage a few days." If you are getting rid of your old refrigerator, do it safely. Please read the enclosed safety booklet from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. Help prevent accidents.



## Copy Your Model Number and Serial Number Here

If you have to call for service, the service technician will ask for your Model and Serial Numbers. Your refrigerator has these numbers on a plate just above the base grill. Copy them in the spaces below while you are thinking about it.

Keep this book in a handy place. Your warranty and sales slip should be kept with it.

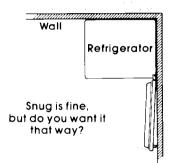
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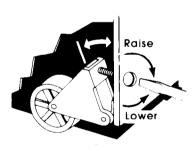
## Before you plug it in

#### **IMPORTANT**

Before using your refrigerator, you are personally responsible for making sure that it...

- is installed and leveled on a floor that will hold the weight, and in an area suitable for its size and use.
- is connected only to the right kind of outlet, with the right electric supply and grounding.
- is used only for jobs expected of home refrigerators.
- is properly maintained.
- is out of the weather.
- is used in an area where the room temperature will not fall below 55° F (13° C).
- is not run where there are explosive fumes.
- is not used by children or others who may not understand how it should be used.
- is not loaded with food before it has time to get properly cold.





Right to Raise; Left to Lower

#### Pick the Right Place.

Save steps by putting your refrigerator near the sink and next to a countertop. It **should not** be near a stove, radiator, water heater or any source of heat...including direct sunlight.

You can install it flush against the wall in back. Leave  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (1.3 cm) clearance against cabinets on each side for ease of installation. Do you want it in a corner? Leave some room on the wall side if you want the doors to open wider.

Planning to add the automatic ice maker? Will the refrigerator be near a cold water pipe? Some people run the water line through the floor to the basement. Others run it behind the cabinets to the pipes under the sink.

#### Make Sure It's Level.

Your refrigerator is on rollers; the two front ones are adjustable for leveling.

Remove the base grill to uncover the leveling screws. With a screwdriver, turn each screw to the right to raise the front. Turn them to the left to lower the front. (If you have someone tilt the top of the refrigerator back while turning, it will be easier.)

Keep adjusting one or the other until the refrigerator won't rock. Then raise or lower both by the same number of turns until the refrigerator is level (use a level to check this). If you don't have a level, the refrigerator will be about right when you can open the doors part way and they will stay where you put them.

#### Peel Off the Labels.

Remove the Consumer Buy Guide label and other inside labels before using the refrigerator. Any glue left can be taken off with rubbina alcohol.

Do not remove the Tech Sheet fastened behind the base grill.

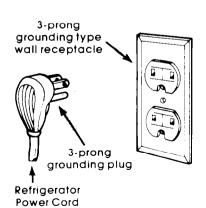
#### Wash It.

To clean your refrigerator before using it, check the washing instructions in this booklet.

## Plug It In.

A 120 Volt, 60 Hz., AC only, 15 ampere fused electrical supply is required. It is recommended that a separate circuit serving only this appliance be provided.

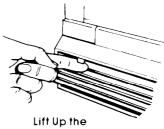
Do not use an extension cord. Use a receptacle which cannot be turned off with a switch or pull chain.



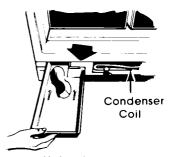
Recommended Grounding Method

## **Cleaning your refrigerator**









Notice the Notched Corner on the Defrost-water Pan

Both the refrigerator and freezer sections defrost automatically. But both should be cleaned about once a month to help prevent odors from building up. Of course, spills should be wiped up right away.

To clean your refrigerator, unplug it, turn the Temperature Control to OFF, take out all removable parts, and clean it according to the following directions.

#### Inside.

You can wash the parts you take out in the sink with a **mild** soap or **mild** detergent and warm water. Harsh cleansers, scouring powders and solvents should **never** be used on any part of your refrigerator.

Wash the walls with a solution of two tablespoons (30g) of baking soda mixed with one quart (1L) of warm water. Rinse well and dry. Let the freezer warm up with the door open for 10 or 15 minutes so the cloth doesn't stick.

The inside of the door, including the gasket, should be washed with warm water and a mild soap or mild detergent.

Do not use cleaning waxes, concentrated detergents, bleaches or cleansers containing petroleum products. They can damage the gasket and plastic finish.

#### Outside.

Cleaning waxes are not recommended. Just use warm water and a mild soap or mild detergent. Rinse well and dry. If you want to wax, use a special appliance wax or a good auto paste wax that does not contain solvents.

#### Underneath.

To remove the base grill, open the door and lift up on the two tabs that show through the grill at both ends near the top. When you've lifted the tabs, swing the top of the grill forward. Lift the grill off the bottom supports.

The defrost water pan is on the left and the condenser is on the right. Pull out the defrost pan and wash. There may be tape holding it in place. Remove the tape and lift the pan over the wire brace in front of it. Make sure the notched corner is in the rear when you put it back, and that you push it all the way in. The defrost drain tube should point into the pan.

Clean dust from the condenser with a vacuum cleaner. The condenser should be cleaned every two or three months.

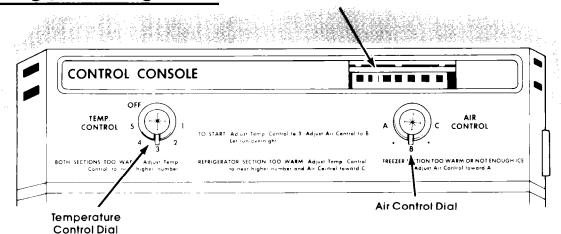
If your refrigerator has an ice maker, make sure you don't slide the refrigerator out farther than the ice-maker water supply line allows.

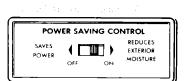
Heat is removed from your refrigerator and transferred to the condenser. From there, the heat is spread into the room. Dust on the condenser insulates it and reduces the heat leaving it. If the heat can't get out easily, the refrigerator will have to run longer to keep food cold.

## **Energy Saving Tips**

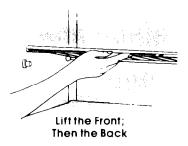
You can help your refrigerator use less electricity.

- Check door gaskets for a tight seal. Level the cabinet to be sure of a good seat.
- Clean the condenser contregularly.
- Open the door as few times as possible. Think about what you need before you open the door Get everything out at one time. Keep foods organized so you won't have to search for what you want Close door as soon as food is removed.
- Go ahead and fill up the refrigerator, but don't overcrowd it so air movement is blocked.
- It is a waste of electricity to set the refrigerator and freezer to temperatures colder than they need to be. If ice cream is firm in the freezer and drinks are as cold as your family likes them, that's cold enough.
- Keep the Power Saving Control on OFF unless moisture forms on the refrigerator exterior.
- Make sure your refrigerator is not next to a heat source such as a range, water heater, furnace, radiator, or in direct sunlight.





Off Setting **Helps Save Energy** 



## Setting the Controls.

The Temperature Control and Air Control dials are on a console inside the refrigerator. To start the refrigerator, turn the TEMP. CONTROL dial to 3 and the AIR CONTROL dial to B. These are normal settings.

It takes time for your refrigerator to reach proper storage temperatures. When you first turn it on, it will run continuously until the interior gets properly cold. Before loading with food, be sure the refrigerator has cycled at least once (turned on, turned off, and on again). Controls will be set about right if your milk or juice is as cold as your family likes it, and when ice cream is firm.

The control console has directions for raising or lowering the temperatures, if needed.

## Power Saving Control.

When humidity is high, moisture can collect on the outside of the refrigerator. That's normal. The Power Saving Control controls an electric heater that helps prevent this moisture from forming. To help save electricity, use the SAVES POWER setting when humidity is low. Use the REDUCES EXTERIOR MOISTURE setting only if moisture forms on the outside of the refrigerator.

## Removing Non-Adjustable Shelves.

To remove a shelf, lift up the front. Then lift up at the back. To replace it, put the rear notches onto the shelf supports. Lower the front into place.

## Sounds you may hear.

Your new refrigerator may make sounds that your seem louder. old one didn't. Because the sounds are new to you, of the new sounds are normal. Hard surfaces like the them.

floor, walls and metal cabinets can make the sounds

The following chart describes the kinds of sounds you might be concerned about them. Don't be, Most that might be new to you, and what may be making

#### **Possible Sounds:**

#### • Slight Hum; Soft hiss:

**Probable Causes:** 

Your refrigerator has two fans; you may hear the fan motors and moving air.

 Clicking or Snapping Sounds:

The defrost timer makes a definite click when the refrigerator stops running. It also makes a sound when the refrigerator starts.

Water Sounds:

When the refrigerator stops running, you may hear gurgling in the tubing for a few minutes after it stops. You may also hear defrost water running into the defrost water pan.

Ice Maker Sounds:

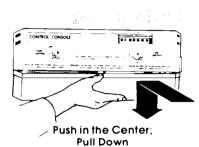
If your refrigerator has an ice maker, you may hear a buzzing (from the water valve), trickling water and the clatter of ice dumped into the bin.

Running Sounds:

Your refrigerator has a high-efficiency compressor and motor. It will run longer than older designs. It may even seem to run most of the time.



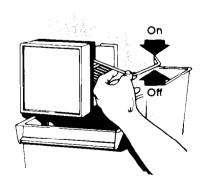
Tilt the Front; Lift the Back







Snap Back Into Place



Raise Signal Arm to Stop Ice Maker. Lower Signal Arm to Start It.

## Adjusting the Shelves and Meat Pan.

Arrange your refrigerator shelves and meat pan to suit yourself. You can put two shelves together to make one full-width shelf, or put them on different levels.

To remove them, tilt up at the front. Then lift up at the back. When replacing them, keep them tilted; guide the rear hooks into the slots in the shelf bracket. Lower the front.

Before moving the meat pan itself, remove the pan by pulling it out. lifting the front and then pulling out the rest of the way.

## Reversing the Door Swing.

You can change the hinges on your refrigerator so the doors open the other way. If you rearrange your kitchen or move your refrigerator to a new kitchen, you might like your doors to open the other way. Refer to the enclosed instruction sheet.

## Removing the Light Shield.

You may want to remove the light shield when cleaning, or for changing the bulb. First, unplug the refrigerator. Then, push lightly on the upper center of the shield until the notched tab is free from the console. Pull down until the tab clears, then lift the back hooks out of their slots.

To replace it, do the reverse.

## Removing the Crispers and Crisper Covers.

To remove the crispers, slide them out until they stop. Lift the front a little and slide them the rest of the way out.

Each cover is held in place by two pegs at the back and two notched tabs in the front. Press the tabs out of the way to lift the front. Lift the back off the pegs.

To put the covers back, replace the center leg. Replace each cover by first fitting the back notches over the pegs. Then push the front down into the notched tabs.

The center leg can be made shorter or longer to help level the crisper covers, if necessary. Turn the leg clockwise to make it longer. Turn it counter-clockwise to shorten it.

#### ICE MAGIC® Automatic Ice Maker.

If you have the automatic ice maker accessory or plan to add one later (Part No. ECKMF-6), there are a few things you will want to know.

- On the side of your ice maker is a wire signal arm. When it's down, the ice maker will make ice automatically. Raise the arm to shut off the ice maker.
- Shake the bin occasionally to keep cubes separated, and to obtain increased storage capacity. It is normal for the cubes to be attached by a corner. They will break apart easily.
- You will hear water running when the ice maker is working. You'll hear ice fall into the bin. Don't let these new sounds bother you.
- The ice maker will not operate until the freezer is cold enough to make ice. This can take overnight.
- Because of new plumbing connections, the first ice may be discolored or off-flavored.
- Your ice maker will work faster when the freezer is colder. If you
  want more ice, turn the Temperature Control dial to a higher number, or turn the Air Control dial toward A.
- If you remove the ice bin, make sure you raise the signal arm to shut off operation. When you put the bin back, make sure it's all the way in and the arm is lowered.
- If cubes are stored too long, they may develop an off-flavor...like stale water. Throw them away. They will be replaced. Cubes in the ice bin can also become smaller by evaporation.

## Vacation and moving care



#### **Short Vacations.**

No need to shut off the refrigerator if you will be away for only a few weeks. Use up the perishables; freeze other items. If your refrigerator is equipped with an automatic ice maker, turn off your ice maker. 1) raise the signal arm; 2) shut off the water supply to the ice maker. Empty the ice bin.

## Long Vacations.

Remove all the food if you are going for a month or more. If your refrigerator is equipped with an automatic ice maker, at least a day ahead, turn off the water supply to the ice maker. When the last load of ice drops, lift the signal arm.

Unplug the refrigerator and clean it...rinse well and dry. Tape rubber or wood blocks to both doors...keeping them open far enough for air to get in. This will keep odor and mold from building up.

Tape the blocks out of a child's reach...do not allow children near the refrigerator when the doors are blocked open.

To restart refrigerator, see "Using Your Refrigerator."

## Moving.

If your refrigerator is equipped with an automatic ice maker, shut off the ice maker water supply a day ahead of time. Disconnect the water line. After the last supply of ice drops, lift the signal arm to turn off the ice maker.

Remove all food. Pack frozen foods in dry ice. Unplug the refrigerator and clean it thoroughly.

Remove everything that comes out. Wrap all parts well and tape them together so they don't shift and rattle.

Screw in the leveling rollers; tape the doors shut; tape the electric cord to the cabinet. When you get to your new home, put everything back, level it, reconnect the water supply and refer to the "Before Using..." page.

## Food storage guide

## STORING FRESH FOOD



There is a right way to package and store refrigerated or frozen foods. To keep foods fresher, longer, take the time to study these recommended steps.

**Leafy Vegetables**...Remove the store wrapping and trim or tear off bruised and discolored areas. Wash in cool water and drain. Leave some water on the leaves as they go into the crisper. Cold, moist air helps keep leafy vegetables fresh and crisp. Your refrigerator has sealing gaskets to help keep that humid air in the crisper.

**Vegetables with Skins** (tomatoes, peppers) ... Wash, dry and store in a crisper.

**Fruits** ... Wash, dry and store in a crisper. Do not wash or hull berries until they are ready to use. Sort and keep berries in their store container in a crisper, or store in a loosely closed paper bag on a refrigerator shelf.



**Meat**\*....Meat is perishable and expensive...you won't want to waste an ounce of it through careless handling. The following list and chart give you packaging hints and time limits. Store meat in the meat pan.

**Fresh, Prepackaged Meat.** Store fresh meat in the store wrapping. You can freeze it in the wrap and store it for one or two weeks. If you want to keep it frozen longer, you should wrap it with special freezer wrapping material.

**Fresh Meat, Not Prepackaged.** Remove the market wrapping paper and re-wrap loosely in waxed paper or aluminum foil for storing it unfrozen.

**Cooked Meat.** Wrap or cover cooked meat with waxed paper, plastic wrap or aluminum foil. Store immediately.

Cured or Smoked Meat and Cold Cuts. Ham, bacon, sausage, cold cuts, etc., keep best in original wrappings. Once opened, tightly re-wrap in plastic wrap or aluminum foil.

**Canned Ham.** Store in refrigerator unless the label says it's okay to store on the shelf. Do not freeze.

**Fresh Poultry.** Loosen the market wrapping and store in the supermarket tray, or loosely wrap in waxed paper or plastic wrap.

Туре	Approximate Time (days)
Variety Meats	1 to 2
Chicken	1 to 2
Ground Beef	1 to 2
Steaks and Roasts	s 3 to 5
Cured Meats	7 to 10
Bacon	5 to 7
Cold Cuts	3 to 5

**NOTE:** Fresh fish and shellfish should be used the same day as purchased.



**Eggs** . Store without washing in the original carton or use the Utility Bin that came with your refriaerator.

**Milk, Beverages** . . Wipe milk cartons and bottles. Store on a door shelf or inside the refrigerator. Door shelves will hold a half-gallon (1.9 liter) carton.

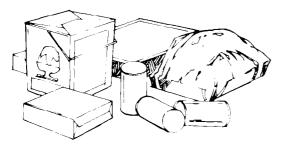
**Butter**, .Store what you might use in a day on the serving dish in the Butter Compartment. When you have extra, wrap in freezer packaging and freeze.

**Cheese**. .Store in the original wrapping until you are ready to use it. Once opened, re-wrap tightly in plastic wrap or aluminum foil.

**Condiments**. Store small jars and bottles (catsup, mustard, jelly, olives) on the door shelves where they are in easy reach.

**Leftovers** ... Always cover leftovers with plastic wrap or aluminum foil to keep food from drying out. Plastic containers with tight lids are fine, too.

## STORING FROZEN FOOD



The freezer section is designed to keep frozen food at temperatures near 0.F. 17.8.0.) You can also use your freezer to freeze food at home.

Remember to package and seal carefully. The only big secret to home freezing is airtight packages. Packages or containers should be sealed to keep natural moisture in and air out. Heavy-duty aluminum freezer foil, kraft paper with cellophane coating, special freezer bags, jars and cartons are all good. You can also get a special freezer-package tape at most places that sell freezing and canning supplies.

IMPORTANT: Do not expect your freezer to quickfreeze any large quantity of food. Leave enough space for air to circulate around packages. Be careful to leave enough room at the front so the door can close tightly.

#### STORAGE CHART FOR FROZEN FOOD

Storage times given in this chart are only a guide. For best use of freezer space keep frozen foods for short times. Use, then replace as needed.

Bread 2 months
Cooked Dishes 2-3 months
Fish and Seafoods
Fresh 6 months
Commercially Frozen 1-3 months
Fruits 6 months
Ice Cream 1 month
Concentrated Juice 4-6 months
Meats
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Ice Cream ....Store in the freezer. Once the package is opened, place a piece of aluminum foil or waxed paper smoothly against the surface. This will prevent ice crystals from forming.

**Packaged Frozen Food** ... Store on freezer door shelf or in the freezer. If you plan to store it for a long time, re-wrap it with aluminum foil or plastic wrap.

**Frozen Meats**: ... The following hints will help keep the quality in your frozen meats:

- 1. Freeze meat while fresh and in top condition.
- Use only the recommended wrapping materials.
- 3. Prepare the meat for freezing before wrapping it Trim off excess fat and remove bones when practical. Meat should not be salted because salt shortens freezer life.
- Wrap tightly, pressing out as much air as possible.
- 5. Label and date it.
- Refreezing defrosted meat is not recommended.

Frozen Soups, Juices . . Store on freezer door shelf or in the freezer  $\,$ 

Courtesy of National Live Stock and Meat Board

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## If you need service or help, we suggest you follow these three steps:

## 1. Before calling for service \*...

Performance problems are sometimes caused by little things you can correct without tools. Before you call for service, check this list.

#### If your refrigerator will not operate:

- Is the electric cord plugged in?
- Is a fuse blown or a circuit breaker tripped?
- Is the Temperature Control dial turned ON?

#### If your ice maker will not operate:

- Has the freezer had enough time to get cold? With a new refrigerator, this might take overnight.
- Is the signal arm ON...in the down position?
- Is the water valve turned on, and is water getting to the ice maker?

#### If there is a rattling or jingling noise, or other unfamiliar sounds:

- Is something on top or behind the refrigerator making noise when the refrigerator is running?
- New features on your new refrigerator make new sounds. You may be hearing air flowing from the fans, timer clicks for the defrosting cycle, defrost water draining into the defrost pan. If you have an ice maker, you will hear water fill the molds and the ice drop into the bin.

#### If there is water in the defrost pan:

• In hot, muggy weather, this is normal. The pan can even be half full. Make sure the refrigerator is level so the pan doesn't overflow

#### If the light doesn't work:

- Check fuses and circuit breakers. Make sure it's
- The bulb may be burned out. Unplug the refrigerator; remove the light shield; replace the bulb with an appliance bulb no larger than 40 watts. Replace the light shield and plug in the cord.

#### If the motor seems to run too much:

- Is the condenser, behind the base grill, free of dust and lint?
- On hot days, or if the room is warm, the motor naturally runs longer.
- If the door has been opened a lot, or if a large amount of food has been put in, the motor will run longer to cool down the interior.

Remember: Motor running time depends on different things: number of door openings, amount of food stored, temperature of the room, setting of the controls.

And, your new refrigerator may be larger than your old one so it has more space to be cooled. It also has a regular freezer instead of a frozen food compartment. All this means better refrigeration and may require more running time than your old one.

#### 2. If you need service\*:



If your WHIRLPOOL® appliance ever needs service anywhere in the United States, help is just a phone call away ..to your nearest Whirlpool franchised TECH-CARE" service representative.

Whirlpool maintains a nationwide network of franchised TECH-CARE service companies to fulfill your warranty and provide after-warranty service and maintenance to keep your WHIRLPOOL appliance in peak condition.

You'll find your nearest TECH-CARE service company listed in your local telephone book Yellow Pages under Washers Dryers - Repairing or Servicing. Should you not find a listing, dial free, the Whirlpool COOL-LINE" service assistance telephone number (800) 253-1301.

When calling from:

Michigan ..... (800) 632-2243 Alaska & Hawaii . . . . . . . . . . . (800) 253-1121

**If you move...**To make sure that your appliance is correctly installed and to insure its continued satisfactory operation, please telephone your nearest TECH-CARE" service company for installation or to get the name of a qualified installer. (Installation cost will, of course, be paid by you.)

Helpful hints...You can help your TECH-CARE service representative give you faster service if you include the model and serial number of your appliance when requesting service. Also, retain your sales slip and warranty to verify your warranty status.

Remember... Your TECH-CARE service representative is specially trained in the expert repairing and servicing of your WHIRLPOOL appliances. He can help you maintain the quality originally built into your WHIRLPOOL appliance. So why not take the time, now, to look up his telephone number and jot it down in the space provided on the cover

## If you have a problem\*:

Call Whirlpool Corporation in Benton Harbor at the COOL-LINE service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) or write:

Mr. Stephen E. Upton, Vice President Whirlpool Corporation Administrative Center 2000 U.S. 33 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022

If you must call or write, please provide your name address telephone number, type of appliance brand imcde iserial num ber, date of purchase, the dealer's name, and a complete description of the problem. This information is reeded in order to better respond to your request for assistance



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