

Caring for appliances

Cooker

Prevent Boil-overs. When cooking, use pots and pans that are deep enough to prevent boil-overs and splattering

Clean Spills Quickly. Cooking spills are inevitable

Use Elbow Grease, Not Abrasives

Clean the Stove Parts Regularly

Clean Under the Hood

Clean that Grimy Oven Window

Oven

Clean the oven regularly

Safely use the oven's self-cleaning feature

Do not clean under oven knobs

Unplug oven when cleaning

Inspect the oven's burners

Create a spill barrier

Fridge freezer

How best to keep it clean and fresh?

Keeping the fridge clean

The surfaces of white fridges and freezers seem to attract dirt, especially around the handles. Even the hardware shows fingerprints and spotting. But you can make the fridge or freezer look bright and shiny by using one of the following methods:

Scrub it with a mixture of equal parts of ammonia and water.

Rub it down with soda water, which cleans and polishes at the same time.

For a glossier finish, wash and rinse the surface, then apply car wax and buff it to a shine with a clean soft cloth. Polish any chrome trim with a cloth dipped in surgical spirit.

Keep a tight seal

The flexible rubber or plastic gasket framing the inside edge of the fridge door seals cold air in and warm air out. When cleaning the fridge, do not neglect it. Wipe grime – and mould – off with a soft cloth dampened with surgical spirit and finish by rubbing the gasket with a little baby oil to prevent cracking.

Scrub with salt

When new groceries get crammed into the fridge, it is all too easy to displace a small bowl of leftover sauce at the back, which then gets wedged in at an angle and begins to leak. To get rid of any gummy mess that may result, sprinkle it with salt. Then dip a scrubbing pad or abrasive sponge in hot water and rub the stain vigorously. Repeat until it is gone, each time wiping the area with a wet paper towel.

Washer dryer

Clean the filter regularly

Clean the lint filter frequently to keep the clothes clean, prevent fires and prolong the lifespan of the clothes dryer.

Simply roll up the lint and toss it in the bin. If you come across any stubborn, stuck-on pieces, rinse the filter and scrub it thoroughly, until remaining pieces are removed. Dry the filter completely before you put it back in the dryer. It is a good idea to clean the lint filter after every load of laundry to make sure the machine continues running smoothly.

Lift the lid

Here is a trick many people do not know you should always leave the washer door open when the appliance is not in use. After a load of laundry, propping the lid open will allow moisture to escape and prevent mildew from building up inside the drum of the washing machine. In turn, clothes will come out cleaner and fresher - just what you need on hot summer days!

Regularly clean the machine

Another way to keep the washer-dryer sparkling clean is to wipe it down about once a week. Using a damp cloth, scrub down the inside drum of the machine to collect soapy residue, lint, and dirt build-up. This step is crucial immediately following a heavy load of muddy clothes, otherwise dirt will dry inside the washer.

While you are at it, clean the fabric softener dispenser as instructed in the product manual.

In addition, use a solution of mild dishwashing liquid and water to clean the outside of the machine - the gentle suds will remove grease and stuck-on grime.

Check hoses

Frequently check the hoses that connect to the back of the machine. Replace them at the first sign of wear - worn hoses can burst, releasing large volumes of water onto the floor, which could cause stains and permanent damage.

Keep the lint duct clean

To maximise the energy efficiency of the dryer, check the lint duct and clean it regularly with a vacuum. Furthermore, inspect the outside vent for built up debris and lint which could trap air inside the machine.

Do not take the washer-dryer for granted

Take good care of the washer-dryer to ensure nothing slows down the busy lifestyle. Summer is all about maintaining a carefree attitude, playing outdoors and reconnecting with the inner kid - achieve all three with a clean, efficient washing and drying machine.

Ensure that all items are removed from pockets of clothes before inserting into the machine, as failure to do so can result in blockage being caused

Radiators

Do not place damp or wet items of clothing over the radiators as this causes the radiators to rust and wall behind the radiator to be damp