

Proper Disposal of Your Old Refrigerator

WARNING: Risk of child entrapment. Before you throw away your old refrigerator or freezer:

- Take off the doors.
- Leave the shelves in place so that children may not easily climb inside.

⚠ WARNING

Suffocation Hazard

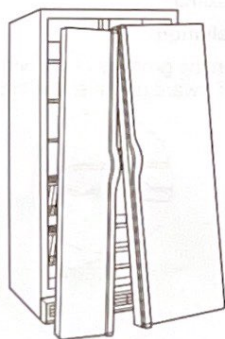
Remove doors or lid from your old appliance.

Failure to do so can result in death or brain damage.

IMPORTANT: Child entrapment and suffocation are not problems of the past. Junked or abandoned refrigerators are still dangerous, even if they will sit for "just a few days." If you are getting rid of your old refrigerator, please follow these instructions to help prevent accidents.

Important information to know about disposal of refrigerants:

Dispose of refrigerator in accordance with federal and local regulations. Refrigerants must be evacuated by a licensed, EPA-certified refrigerant technician in accordance with established procedures.



MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Cleaning

⚠ WARNING



Explosion Hazard

Risk of Fire or Explosion.

Flammable Refrigerant Used.

Do Not Use Mechanical Devices to Defrost Refrigerator.

Do Not Puncture Refrigerant Tubing.

Both the refrigerator and freezer sections defrost automatically. However, clean both sections about once a month to avoid buildup of odors. Wipe up spills immediately.

IMPORTANT: Because air circulates between both sections, any odors formed in one section will transfer to the other. You must thoroughly clean both sections to eliminate odors. To avoid odor transfer and drying out of food, wrap or cover foods tightly.

NOTE: Do not use abrasive or harsh cleaners such as window sprays, scouring cleansers, flammable fluids, cleaning waxes, concentrated detergents, bleaches or cleansers containing petroleum products on plastic parts, interior, and door liners or gaskets. Do not use paper towels, scouring pads, or other harsh cleaning tools. Stainless steel models have a coating. Do Not use regular stainless steel cleaning products. Do Not use stainless steel cleaner or polish and use only mild soap, water, and soft microfiber cloth to avoid damage to the stainless steel protective coating. Paper towels scratch and may dull the clear coat of the painted door. To avoid possible damage, use only clean cloths to polish and wipe the door.

1. Unplug refrigerator or disconnect power.
2. Hand-wash, rinse, and dry removable parts and interior surfaces thoroughly. Use a clean sponge or soft cloth and a mild detergent in warm water.
3. Wash stainless steel and painted metal exteriors with a clean sponge or soft cloth and a mild detergent in warm water.

⚠ WARNING



Explosion Hazard

Risk of Fire or Explosion due to Puncture of Refrigerant Tubing;

Follow Handling Instructions Carefully.

Flammable Refrigerant Used.

- There is no need for routine condenser cleaning in normal home operating environments. If the environment is particularly greasy or dusty, or there is significant pet traffic in the home, the condenser should be cleaned every 2 to 3 months to ensure maximum efficiency.

If you need to clean the condenser:

- Remove the base grille. See the "Door Removal" instructions, either in the Owner's Manual or in the separate instruction sheet provided with your refrigerator.
- Use a vacuum cleaner with a soft brush to clean the grille, the open areas behind the grille, and the front surface area of the condenser.
- Replace the base grille when finished.

- Plug in refrigerator or reconnect power.

Lights

Not all bulbs will fit your refrigerator. Be sure to replace the bulb with one of the same size, shape, and wattage.

IMPORTANT: The light bulbs in both the refrigerator and freezer compartments of your new refrigerator may use LED technology. On some models, the LED light bulbs in the refrigerator, freezer, air tower, and dispenser cannot be changed by yourself. If the lights do not illuminate when the refrigerator and/or freezer door is opened, call for assistance or service. In the U.S.A., call 1-800-253-1301. In Canada, call 1-800-807-6777.

Light Styles:

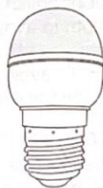
The dispenser lights are LEDs that cannot be changed.

The interior lights vary by model.

- Some models have mini LEDs that cannot be changed.
- Some models have full-size LED bulbs that can be changed. To order replacement 2.0 W LED bulbs, use part number W10574850A, and for 3.6 W, use part number W10565137A, or call 1-800-253-1301 (U.S.A.) or 1-800-807-6777 (Canada).



2.0 watts



3.6 watts

NOTE: Some LED replacement bulbs are not recommended for wet/damp environments. The refrigerator and freezer compartments are considered to be wet/damp environments. If using a brand of LED bulb other than the recommended Whirlpool LED bulb, read and follow all instructions on the replacement bulb's packaging before installing it.

- Some models have interior incandescent 40 W bulbs that can be changed.

NOTE: Not all replacement bulbs will fit your refrigerator. Do not use an incandescent bulb in excess of 40 watts.



To Change a Light Bulb:

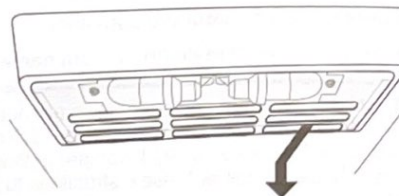
- Unplug refrigerator or disconnect power.
- Remove the light shield, as explained in the following sections.

NOTE: To clean the light shield, wash it with warm water and liquid detergent. Before reinstalling, thoroughly rinse and dry the shield.

- Replace the burned-out light bulb, as explained in the following sections.
- Reinstall the light shield, as explained in the following sections.
- Plug in refrigerator or reconnect power.

Refrigerator Compartment – Upper Lights Light Shield Removal:

Slide the light shield toward the rear of the refrigerator and remove it from the light housing.



Replacement Bulb:

- If the burned-out light is a full-size LED bulb, replace it with a 2.0 W LED bulb.
- If the burned-out light is an incandescent bulb, replace it with an incandescent appliance bulb of the same size, shape, and wattage (40 W maximum).

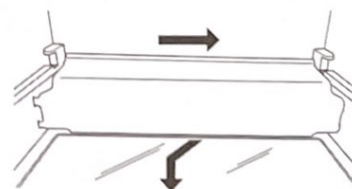
Light Shield Reinstallation:

Align the light shield in the grooves at the bottom edge of the light housing; then slide it forward until it snaps into place.



Refrigerator Compartment – Lower Lights Light Shield Removal:

Slide the light shield to the right to remove the left end from the wall slots; then pull the right end out of its wall slots.

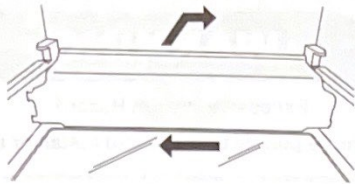


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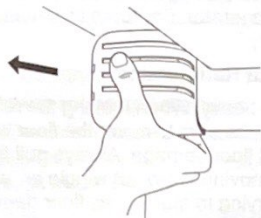
Light Shield Reinstallation:

Place the right end of the light shield into the wall slots; then snap the left end into its wall slots.



Freezer Compartment – Upper Light Light Shield Removal:

Gently squeeze the front and the bottom-rear edge of the light shield to release the tabs from the wall slots; then pull the light shield forward.

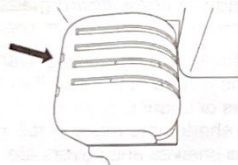


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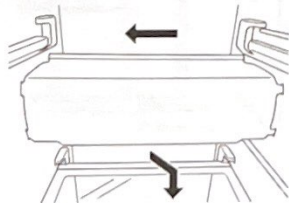
Light Shield Reinstallation:

Align the light shield in its proper position, and snap the tabs into the wall slots.



Freezer Compartment – Lower Light Light Shield Removal:

Slide the light shield to the left to remove the right end from the wall slots; then pull the left end out of its wall slots.

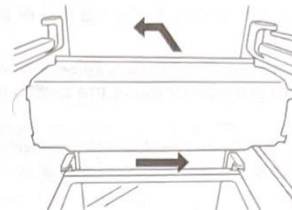


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Light Shield Reinstallation:

Place the left end of the light shield into the wall slots; then snap the right end into its wall slots.



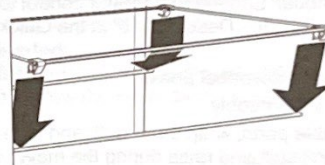
Freezer Shelf (number varies by model)

To Remove and Replace the Bottom Shelf:

1. Lift up the front and back of the shelf, and remove from the cabinet. Be sure not to remove the retaining rods.
2. Replace the shelf, aligning the rods with the cabinet ribs. Apply a little pressure on the shelf to attach the rods to the ribs of the cabinet.

To Remove and Replace the Mid and Top Shelf:

1. With your hand, push the shelf from bottom to top until it is released from the holding rod. Pull the shelf until it is released from the rear rod. Remove from the cabinet.
2. To replace the shelf:
 - Replace rods into the support holes. Push the rods down so they click into the holes.
 - Identify the front and rear trim of the shelf.



- Place the rear trim on the rear rod and push the shelf so it clicks the rod into the rear trim. (Keep the front raised while pushing.)
- Lower the front of the shelf until the front trim is on the rod and push the shelf down so it clicks the rod into the front trim.

NOTE: Be sure that both sides of the shelf are positioned evenly in the shelf support holes and the shelf is secure.

Vacation and Moving Care

Vacations

If You Choose to Leave Refrigerator On While You Are Away:

1. Use up any perishables and freeze other items.
2. If your refrigerator has an automatic ice maker and is connected to the household water supply, turn off the water supply to the refrigerator. Property damage can occur if the water supply is not turned off.
3. If you have an automatic ice maker, turn off the ice maker.
4. Empty the ice bin.

NOTE: Depending on your model, raise the wire shutoff arm to Off (up) position or press the switch to Off.

If You Choose to Turn Refrigerator Off Before You Leave:

1. Remove all food from the refrigerator.
2. If your refrigerator has an automatic ice maker:
 - Turn off the water supply to the ice maker at least one day ahead of time.
 - When the last load of ice drops, raise the wire shutoff arm to the Off (up) position or move the switch to the Off setting.
3. Depending on the model, turn the refrigerator control to Off or turn cooling off. See "Control Descriptions" in the Quick Start Guide.
4. Unplug refrigerator or disconnect power.
5. Clean, wipe, and dry thoroughly.
6. Tape rubber or wood blocks to the tops of both doors to keep them open far enough for air to get in. This stops odor and mold from building up.

Moving

When you are moving your refrigerator to a new home, follow these steps to prepare it for the move.

1. If your refrigerator has an automatic ice maker:
 - Turn off the water supply to the ice maker at least one day ahead of time.
 - Disconnect the water line from the back of the refrigerator.
 - When the last load of ice drops, raise the wire shutoff arm to the Off (up) position or move the switch to the Off setting.
2. Remove all food from the refrigerator and pack all frozen food in dry ice.
3. Empty the ice bin.
4. Depending on the model, turn the refrigerator control to Off or turn cooling off. See "Control Descriptions" in the Quick Start Guide.
5. Unplug refrigerator or disconnect power.
6. Clean, wipe, and dry thoroughly.
7. Take out all removable parts, wrap them well, and tape them together so they don't shift and rattle during the move.
8. Depending on the model, raise the front of the refrigerator so it rolls more easily, or screw in the leveling legs so they don't scrape the floor. See "Adjust the Doors" or "Door Removal, Leveling and Alignment" in the online Feature Guide.
9. Tape the doors closed and tape the power cord to the back of the refrigerator.

When you get to your new home, put everything back and refer to the Installation Instructions for preparation instructions. Also, if your refrigerator has an automatic ice maker, remember to reconnect the water supply to the refrigerator.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Unpack the Refrigerator

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Excessive Weight Hazard

Use two or more people to move and install or uninstall appliance.

Failure to do so can result in back or other injury.

Remove the Packaging

Dispose of/recycle all packaging materials. Do not use sharp instruments, rubbing alcohol, flammable fluids, or abrasive cleaners to remove tape or glue. These products can damage the surface of your refrigerator. For more information, see "Refrigerator Safety."

When Moving Your Refrigerator:

Your refrigerator is heavy. When moving the refrigerator for cleaning or service, be sure to cover the floor with cardboard or hardboard to avoid floor damage. Always pull the refrigerator straight out when moving it. Do not wiggle or "walk" the refrigerator when trying to move it, as floor damage could occur.

IMPORTANT:

- For counter-depth models, use 1/2" socket wrench to remove skids (socket extension is recommended).
- All four leveling legs must contact the floor to support and stabilize the full weight of the refrigerator.

Clean Before Using

After you remove all of the package materials, clean the inside of your refrigerator before using it. See the "Cleaning" section in this manual.

Important information to know about glass shelves and covers:

Do not clean glass shelves or covers with warm water when they are cold. Shelves and covers may break if exposed to sudden temperature changes or impact, such as bumping. Tempered glass is designed to shatter into many small, pebble-size pieces. This is normal. Glass shelves and covers are heavy. Use both hands when removing them to avoid dropping.