



## Cleaning Refrigerator Coils

If the coils on your refrigerator or freezer are dirty, you're probably paying more to operate these than you need. The air in your home contains dust and dirt particles that can cling to your refrigerator coils over time, reducing the airflow across these coils. This restriction in airflow will decrease the coil's effectiveness by increasing heat retention for the refrigerator. The unit will have to work harder and use more energy to cool. You can reduce these effects by cleaning the coils on a regular basis (typically every six months).

## Cleaning Steps

- 1) Consult your refrigerator owner's manual for specific unit instructions and location of the coils.** Some coils are under the refrigerator while others are located on the rear of the unit. Assemble all of the items you will need to perform the job (drop cloth or newspaper, vacuum cleaner or coil brush, coil cleaning solution if needed).
- 2) Unplug your refrigerator.**
- 3) Access your refrigerator coils by sliding the refrigerator away from the wall or removing the lower kick plate (depending on unit type).**
- 4) Spread the newspaper or drop cloth on the floor to collect the removed dirt and dust.** If excessive lint is present, brush or vacuum coils to remove build-up. Use coil spray if needed.
- 5) Use the brush to clean between coils and fan blades.** Coil cleaner may help in removing kitchen grease build-up.
- 6) Replace lower kick plate or push refrigerator to normal location and plug-in the unit.**



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