

Home Appliance Maintenance Tips

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Microwave

- Make sure there is adequate ventilation for the microwave and leave at least 2 inches of space for the vent to avoid unnecessary overheating.
- Putting metal in the microwave can be unsafe and has the potential of damaging the microwave. Check carefully about microwave heating and read user guides for approved materials for cooking safely.
- Cover the food when microwaving to prevent splattering of oil and food residue all around and affect heat dissipation.
- Use small containers and better prepare the food in small pieces too. The microwave can then heat the food effectively by minimizing energy loss and it will last longer.
- Divide the cooking period into a few short intervals and stir the food occasionally to heat the food more evenly. It shortens the cooking time and have a good effect on the microwave's longevity.
- **How to clean a microwave:** <https://goo.gl/7nimEE>

Air Conditioner

- Clean the filters every 3-4 months.
- If you have an a/c unit with remote controller, use the remote to switch on/off the air conditioner is more preferred. Frequent switching on/off the air conditioner by pressing the power button directly may damage the compressor.

Electric Kettle

- Clean the kettle and remove limescale with easy steps. Boil with lemon slices for 30 minutes and soak for 2 hours, or mix vinegar together with hot water in a 1:1 ratio. Let it sit for a night then wash it as usual.

Refrigerator

- Avoid placing the refrigerator next to the oven or stoves, and reserve 2-3 inches around it for cooling.
- Avoid opening the door too often.
- Cool off your leftovers before storing in the refrigerator.
- Keep the refrigerator neat and tidy and remove anything which risks blocking the vents.



Read more from these sources:

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