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## Does Your Kitchen Need a New Year's Resolution?

*Give your appliances a little extra care – they deserve it*

**WACO, Texas (Jan. 1, 2008)** — With each new year comes the chance for renewal. It's an opportunity to lose weight, get organized or break other bad habits. But how many of those resolutions even make it to February?

This year, set a resolution you can keep. Clean up or fix up those simple appliance problems you've overlooked for so long.

"Many people just don't realize how easy it is to fix most small appliance problems," says Doug Rogers, president of Mr. Appliance Corp. "Plus, a loose oven door or a refrigerator with a bad gasket could be wasting energy and money."

Here are a few tips to get you started in the right direction for 2008:

### **Is your refrigerator running its best?**

- Clean the refrigerator's coils to cool it more efficiently and save money.
- Check the temperature – refrigerator temperature should be 35-40 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Are the seals airtight? Door leaks let cool air escape and raise the temperature.

### **Simple oven and stovetop maintenance can save you money**

- On electric models, clean the reflector bowls to maximize efficiency.
- For gas models, use a toothpick to clean out the burners.
- After cleaning the burners, run it on high flame for a few minutes to burn off remaining residue.

### **Deodorize the garbage disposal and dishwasher**

- Place ice cubes in the disposal. Add lemon, lime or orange peels and run disposal with cold water.
- This eliminates stubborn odors without harsh chemicals.
- Run empty dishwasher with a cup of white vinegar to eliminate odors from last year's dishes.

Most of these mini-resolutions can be accomplished in a matter of minutes. And they can save you money and keep your home safe and energy efficient for a long time. If you find a problem that you can't handle, contact an appliance repair professional.

For more detailed tips, visit the online repair manual at [www.mrappliance.com](http://www.mrappliance.com).

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