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## Spring into Action: Get Your Kitchen Clean Again

Follow these tips from Mr. Appliance® for a sparkling kitchen

**WACO, Texas (March 5, 2008)** – It's time to come out of hibernation. Spring is here, and with it comes warmer weather, brighter days and the realization that winter weather has left your home in need of some serious cleaning.

Doug Rogers, president of Mr. Appliance Corp. wants homeowners to remember their kitchen appliances during spring cleaning. Rogers says, "Your home's appliances never get a day off. They take the most abuse, yet probably get the least attention. If you clean them up, it will help them last much longer and run more efficiently."

Follow these simple tips from *Mr. Appliance* to give your kitchen new life and make your appliances shine.

### Refrigerator

- Self-defrosting refrigerators work by keeping their interiors dehydrated. This means any spills become dry lumps. Don't try to get these off the hard way – just soak removable parts in the sink with warm, soapy water. Don't use bleach or other harsh cleansers that can damage surfaces.
- To eliminate odors, pour some vanilla extract into a bowl with a paper towel. Don't use products with a citrus scent – the fragrance can become absorbed by the plastic and never leave.
- Don't forget to clean the coils. Unplug the refrigerator and pull it away from the wall. Use a vacuum wand or brush to gently clean any dust off of the coils. This will help your refrigerator run more efficiently and save you money on your utility bill.

### Stove

- Electric Burners: Wipe food off burners when they're cold. If residue remains, turn on exhaust fan, turn burners on high and let the food burn off. For melted plastic, scrape off with a wooden spoon while coils are warm.
- Gas Burners: Wash porcelain-coated pans and grates by hand unless otherwise recommended by the manufacturer. Dishwasher detergent can promote rusting – uncoated metal parts are best soaked and then rubbed with a scouring pad.
- Glass Cooking Surfaces: Only use cleaners recommended by the manufacturer and never use abrasive cloths or sponges to prevent scratching.

### Oven

- If you run your oven's self-cleaning cycle, remember to open doors and windows to help with ventilation.
- Wash oven racks by hand unless the owner's manual specifically states they are dishwasher-safe.

### Microwave Oven

- If warm, soapy water isn't enough, wipe the interior surfaces with a mixture of two tablespoons baking soda with one quart water. For stubborn residue and stains, heat a microwave-safe bowl of water for three minutes, then wipe down surfaces.

### Dishwasher

- Run the dishwasher empty with a cup of white vinegar to eliminate odors and food residue buildup.

### Surfaces

- To stop the yellowing process of white appliances, mix one-half cup of bleach, one-quarter cup of baking soda and four cups of warm water. Apply with a sponge and let it set for 10 minutes. Rinse and dry thoroughly.
- Use car wax on large appliances to remove small scratches and make them shine.

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