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## Home Tips: Give Your Refrigerator a Check-Up

**WACO, Texas (July 7, 2008)** – As the summer heats up, will your refrigerator stay cool or will it be too hot to handle?

Think ahead and schedule needed maintenance before the weather gets too hot. Dust, dirt and frequent visits from sweltering family members can make your refrigerator work harder than it should to keep chilly. This everyday strain combined with summer heat can have a damaging effect on your refrigerator.

“Not having your refrigerator checked at the beginning of summer can leave you with a minor disaster,” said Doug Rogers, president of Mr. Appliance Corp. “Most people don’t think about having regular maintenance done until it’s too late. Refrigerators can overheat from dirty coils and break down during the summer, which leaves the homeowner in danger of losing perishable food.”

Follow these tips from *Mr. Appliance* to protect your refrigerator from a summer melt down.

- Clean the condenser coils at least twice a year, and always check them at the beginning of the summer. Dirty condenser coils can cause the refrigerator to stop cooling properly, which strains the refrigerator and can shorten its lifespan and raise energy bills. Unplug the unit and pull it away from the wall, then clean the coils with a coil brush and vacuum away any remaining debris.
- Clean the door seals regularly with warm soapy water to keep them from getting dirty and brittle. If the doors aren’t sealing tight, call your local repair expert to assess the situation.
- Keep the refrigerator full. The emptier your refrigerator is, the harder it has to work to keep cool, which can put unnecessary strain on the unit and on your energy bill.
- If you notice any strange sounds coming from your refrigerator or if the inside temperature is warmer than usual, call an appliance repair expert to check the unit from top to bottom before any food spoils.
- If your refrigerator does break down, call your local appliance repair expert immediately. Try to avoid opening the doors as much as possible until the unit is fixed. If you notice a foul smell after it’s fixed, check the drip pan for spoiled melted food and clean it out with water and a mild cleaner.

These tips are easy for you to do yourself and can even help you save energy and prolong the life of your refrigerator when combined with regular visits from an appliance repair professional.

Visit the online repair and maintenance manual at [www.mrappliance.com](http://www.mrappliance.com) for more tips.

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