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Love Your Appliances on Valentine's Day

WACO, Texas (Feb. 14, 2007) — A romantic dinner at home can be a great alternative to a busy restaurant. But before you get started, take a few minutes to inspect your kitchen for small problems that could have a big impact on your night.

"The periodic up-keep of an appliance can increase its life and improve the way it operates," says Doug Rogers, president of Mr. Appliance Corp. "And keeping your kitchen working properly is much easier than pleasing that special someone."

If you plan on cooking up some romance this Valentine's Day and don't want to spend any extra time in the kitchen, follow these tips from Mr. Appliance Corp.

Renew the Oven and Stove

- Don't run the self-cleaning cycle within one week of a big dinner - ovens have a tendency to fail during or right after a self-cleaning cycle.
- Clean the reflector bowls under the burners to help cook more efficiently.
- Unclog gas burners by using a tooth pick to poke all the burner head holes clean. To make sure residue is burned off, turn the burner on a high flame for 10 to 15 minutes.

Be mindful of what you put in the dishwasher

- If you're unsure whether or not an item is dishwasher safe, just wash it by hand.
- Use only powdered detergent in the dishwasher - gels clog the detergent dispenser and can cloud glassware.
- Run an empty dishwasher with a cup of white vinegar to eliminate odors and buildup.

Deodorize garbage disposal

- Place a handful of ice cubes in the disposal. Add lemon, orange or lime peels and run disposal with cold water for 15 to 30 seconds. Continue to rinse with cold water.

Keep the refrigerator cool

- Unplug refrigerator and use a vacuum to remove any dust from the coils. This will help it run more efficiently and trim your utility bills.
- Make sure it's loaded properly. Contents should be evenly distributed.

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