

Refrigerator Maintenance Checklist

1. **Check and Adjust Temperature Settings:**
 - Set the refrigerator temperature between 37°F (3°C) and 40°F (5°C).
 - Set the freezer temperature at 0°F (-18°C).
2. **Clean Condenser Coils:**
 - Vacuum or brush the condenser coils every 6 months to remove dust and debris.
 - Clean coils improve efficiency and prevent overheating.
3. **Inspect and Clean Door Seals:**
 - Check door seals for cracks or tears.
 - Wipe seals with a damp cloth and mild detergent to remove debris and ensure a tight seal.
4. **Defrost Regularly:**
 - If your refrigerator requires manual defrosting, remove ice buildup when it exceeds 1/4 inch.
 - Excessive ice can reduce efficiency and freezer capacity.
5. **Clean the Interior:**
 - Regularly clean shelves, drawers, and compartments with a mild detergent.
 - Remove spilled food and stains to maintain hygiene and prevent odors.
6. **Check for Leaks:**
 - Inspect the area around the refrigerator for any water leaks.
 - Address any leaks immediately to prevent water damage and mold growth.
7. **Inspect and Clean the Drain Pan:**
 - Locate and clean the drain pan underneath the refrigerator.
 - Empty and clean the pan to prevent odors and water accumulation.
8. **Verify Proper Airflow:**
 - Ensure that vents inside the refrigerator are not blocked by food items.
 - Proper airflow is crucial for maintaining consistent temperatures.
9. **Check and Clean the Water Filter:**
 - If your refrigerator has a water filter, check and replace it according to the manufacturer's guidelines.
 - Clean or replace the filter to ensure clean and fresh water.
10. **Examine the Evaporator Fan:**
 - Check the evaporator fan for proper operation.
 - Ensure it is free of ice and debris and runs smoothly.
11. **Inspect the Light Bulbs:**
 - Check that interior light bulbs are working and replace any burned-out bulbs.
 - Proper lighting helps you see inside the refrigerator easily.
12. **Ensure Proper Leveling:**
 - Verify that the refrigerator is level to prevent improper door sealing and noise.
 - Adjust the leveling feet if necessary.
13. **Review and Adjust Shelving:**
 - Adjust shelves and drawers to optimize storage space and airflow.
 - Ensure that items are stored properly to avoid blocking vents.
14. **Clean the Gaskets:**
 - Wipe down the gaskets on the door edges to remove grime and ensure a good seal.
 - Clean gaskets help maintain proper temperature and efficiency.
15. **Inspect the Compressor:**

- Check the compressor for any unusual noises or issues.
 - Ensure it operates smoothly and efficiently.
- 16. Monitor for Unusual Sounds:**
- Listen for any unusual noises like buzzing, clicking, or grinding.
 - Address any strange noises by checking components or contacting a professional if needed.
- 17. Test Temperature Consistency:**
- Use a thermometer to ensure the refrigerator and freezer are maintaining the correct temperatures.
 - Adjust settings as needed based on thermometer readings.
- 18. Schedule Professional Maintenance:**
- Consider scheduling annual maintenance with a professional technician.
 - Regular professional inspections can help prevent major issues and extend the lifespan of your refrigerator.

For expert assistance or to schedule a professional refrigerator maintenance service, contact Aspire Appliance Services at 906-647-2722.