

Healthy Refrigeration Grant Program

Refrigeration Equipment Maintenance Schedule

Frequency	Tasks
Regularly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Proper Airflow: Ensure there is at least 2-3 inches of clearance around the entire refrigerator.<input type="checkbox"/> Inspect Door Seals: Inspect door seals for any tears, cracks or signs of wear. Wipe down the seals with a damp cloth to remove any debris that might prevent a proper seal.<input type="checkbox"/> Defrost: For refrigerators with manual defrost settings, defrost the unit according to the manufacturer's instructions. This involves removing all food & allowing the ice to melt.
Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Clear Outdoor Condensing Units: Remove weeds & debris.<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Motor and Fan Blades: Clean with a soft cloth.<input type="checkbox"/> Remove and Clean Shelves, Drawers, and Crisper Bins: Remove & clean according to manufacturer's instructions.
Every Few Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Clean Evaporator and Condenser Coils: The condenser coils are located on the back or bottom of the refrigerator. Use a vacuum cleaner with a soft brush attachment to clean the coils to prevent dust and dirt accumulation.<input type="checkbox"/> Check Drain Line: A clogged drain can lead to water buildup and can damage components and cause odors.
Biannually (by a qualified technician)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Deep Clean: A professional technician can perform a more thorough cleaning of the unit.<input type="checkbox"/> Refrigerant Level Check: A technician can check and adjust refrigerant levels if needed.<input type="checkbox"/> General Preventative Maintenance Check<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Check the amperage of motors and compressors.<input type="checkbox"/> Test controls and safety switches.<input type="checkbox"/> Check refrigerant lines for insulation decay.<input type="checkbox"/> Inspect electrical connections.<input type="checkbox"/> Lubricate moving parts of the refrigeration system.

