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## Fridgeaphobia can be tamed

Fridgeaphobia - the fear of cleaning out the refrigerator - leaves many people afraid to take the plunge and see what's behind closed doors.

Home economists at Whirlpool Homelife Network Services have developed useful tips for cleaning out the refrigerator.

### How to clean out a refrigerator:

- Take out all removable parts and wash with warm water and mild soap or detergent. Rinse and dry.
- Wash walls with a solution of two tablespoons of baking soda to one quart warm water. Rinse thoroughly and dry.
- Wash gasket and door liner with warm water and mild soap or detergent. Rinse well and dry.
- For refrigerators with removable drain plugs, remove plug and force warm water mixed with baking soda through the drain. A meat basting syringe works fine for this.
- Wipe down jars, bottles and containers before returning to refrigerator.
- The drip pan underneath the refrigerator is out of sight, so special effort must be made to clean it. Remove it and wash thoroughly with warm soapy water.
- Vacuum condenser coils two to six times a year (more often in homes with pets).

### What causes odor in refrigerators?

- Foods stored uncovered or wrapped improperly
- Poor maintenance - spills not wiped up right away
- Foods left in the refrigerator too long
- Power or mechanical failure that caused food spoilage
- Cleaning agents leaving a strong chemical or fragrant odor

### Different ways to remove

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were carved from tree roots. They have highly individualized graining. Antique shops may display a few rare pieces, since they are fast disappearing.

Ceramics and pottery are another category for collectibles. Whether you invest in the consummate antique Oriental porcelain bowl worth thousands of dollars, or the same size bowl fired in a contemporary kiln, signed by the artist, also priced in three figures, you have selected the best.

Still another area of collecting is in "prints." There exists at art galleries the

### odors:

- Wash interior walls thoroughly with a solution of two tablespoons of baking soda to one quart warm water;
- Pour box of baking soda in jelly roll pan and place on shelf to absorb odors;
- Buy activated charcoal (sometimes available at appliance stores), spread on to jelly roll pans and place on shelves inside refrigerator;
- Place fresh ground coffee in cereal bowl inside the refrigerator for several days. The slight coffee odor may remain but will disappear after washing the inside of the refrigerator;
- Pack each refrigerator shelf with crumpled newspaper. Set a cup of water on the top shelf, or sprinkle the newspapers lightly with water. This method takes five or six days, but strong odors will be eliminated;
- There are several commercial products available for odor removal. Some may not rid the odor but simply mask it while others are not safe for use around food. Read product labels carefully to determine if a cleaner or deodorizer is safe to use in a refrigerator; then follow instructions for use carefully.

### How to prevent odor problems:

- Discard refrigerated leftovers, vegetables and dairy products that are beyond safe-keeping. They can create odor problems if left too long.
- Promptly wipe up any spills that occur.
- Clean refrigerator out every two weeks.

For more cleaning tips, recipes using common leftovers and storage lifetimes, send for Whirlpool's complimentary brochure, Whirlpool Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day. Send a self-addressed, business-size envelope to Whirlpool Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day, 43 N. Canal, Chicago, Ill. 60606.

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That is what the Garth Clark advice is all about. Don't compromise with quality. Buy only the best you can afford.

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