## Instruction Sheet for Refrigerator Winterization

NOTE: The instructions in this document are general in nature and apply to most refrigerators. These instructions are not specific to any one model. The model you have may be somewhat different than the description or illustrations used, but the general principles described in this document should apply for proper winterization of your refrigerator.



# A WARNING

Disconnect power before servicing. Replace all parts and panels before operating.

Failure to do so can result in death or electrical shock.

- **All Refrigerators**
- 1. Locate cooling control system and set to OFF.
- 2. Unplug refrigerator or disconnect power.
- 3. Remove contents from freezer and fresh food compartments..
- 4. Discard any ice that has accumulated in the ice bin. (If applicable)
- 5. Clean the interior with baking soda solution.(1 tablespoon baking soda per 1 quart of water).
- 6. Wipe dry.
- Place an open box of baking soda in the fresh food compartment and the freezer compartment or waded up news paper pages on each shelf to minimize odors.

### **Refrigerators with Ice Maker**

If your Refrigerator has an ice maker, perform the following steps for proper winterization:

- 1. Unplug refrigerator or disconnect power.
- 2. Locate the water supply shut off valve and turn off the water supply. See Figure 1.



FIGURE 1

3. Disconnect the water supply line at the refrigerator and drain supply line completely.





- 5. Remove any covers if necessary.
- 6. Disconnect water line from water valve and drain water from line and valve. Use a small pan to catch water. See Figure 3.



FIGURE 3

7. Remove water filter cartridge (if applicable).

NOTE: Re-install a new water filter cartridge when refrigerator is put back into service. See 'Putting Refrigerators Back into Service'.

#### **Refrigerators with a Water Dispenser**

**IMPORTANT:** This procedure will require 2 people in order to accomplish. This procedure will require the use of an air compressor capable of producing a steady air pressure between 40-60 psi. Air pressure should not exceed 60 psi to avoid damage.

To winterize the water dispenser:

- 1. Unplug refrigerator or disconnect power.
- 2. Locate the water supply shut off valve and turn off the water supply. See Figure 4.



FIGURE 4

- Disconnect the water supply line at the refrigerator and drain supply line completely.
- Use an air compressor with pressure output of 40 psi 60 psi. Use an air nozzle with 3/16" diameter or smaller outlet opening to blow out lines. See Figure 5.

NOTE: Pressure should not exceed 60 psi to avoid damage to refrigerator components.



FIGURE 5



5. Plug in refrigerator or reconnect power.

6. Using a sturdy glass, have one person engage the water dispenser paddle with the glass, while the other person inserts the air nozzle tip firmly into the water inlet of the water valve while blowing air (full pressure) into the line. Continue with this procedure until no more water comes out of water dispenser. See *Figure 6*.

©Whirtpool Corporation 2011 (All Rights Reserved) **IMPORTANT**: If storing in an unheated space where temperatures may drop below freezing, removing all of the water from the water reservoir tank is a must. If not completely blown out, the water will freeze, causing the tank to rupture and leak when it warms up. Be sure to continue this procedure until no more water comes out of the dispenser, indicating that all of the water is removed from the water reservoir tank.



### FIGURE 6

- If your refrigerator has a water filter, remove the filter cartridge and dispose of the used cartridge. A new cartridge can be installed when the refrigerator is put back into service.
- 8. Be sure to disconnect the power source before putting the unit away for storage.

#### **Putting Refrigerators Back into Service**

1. When refrigerator is put back into service, reconnect water line and turn water back on.



Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, fire, or electrical shock.

- 2. Plug in refrigerator or reconnect power.
- 3. Replace the filter cartridge, (if applicable), and flush the water system by running 3 quarts of water through the system.
- 4. Check for leaks.

NOTE: If your Refrigerator has an ice maker; after running the unit for 24 hrs. with the icemaker turned on, discard the ice that has accumulated in the ice bin.