

User Manual Whirlpool WRT111SFD02 Refrigerator

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REFRIGERATOR SAFETY

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All safety messages will tell you what the potential hazard is. tell you how to reduce the chance of injury. and tell you what can happen if the instructions are not followed.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire. electric shock. or injury to persons when using the refrigerator. follow basic precautions. including the following:

- Plug into a grounded 3 prong outlet.
- Do not remove ground prong.
- Do not use an adapter.
- Do not use an extension cord.
- Disconnect power before servicing.
- Replace all parts and panels before operating.
- Remove doors from your old refrigerator.
- Use nonflammable cleaner.
- Keep flammable materials and vapors. such as gasoline. away from refrigerator.
- Use two or more people to move and install refrigerator.
- Disconnect power before installing ice maker (on ice maker kit ready models only)..

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Unpack the Refrigerator

Remove the Packaging

IMPORTANT: Do not remove the white foam air return insert from behind the control panel on the ceiling of the refrigerator. If the insert is removed. ice may migrate down from the freezer and cause icicles to form.

1. Remove tape and glue residue from surfaces before turning on the refrigerator. Rub a small amount of liquid dish soap over the adhesive with your fingers. Rinse with warm water and dry with a soft cloth.

NOTE: Do not use sharp instruments, rubbing alcohol, flammable fluids, or abrasive cleaners to remove tape or glue. These products can damage the surface of your refrigerator. For more information see “Refrigerator Safety.”

Install Levelers

IMPORTANT: Lay down the refrigerator ONLY to your left-hand side (as you are looking at the front of the refrigerator), to avoid damaging the refrigerator.

1. Locate the levelers. They are enclosed in a plastic bag inside the crisper drawer.
2. Using two or more people, access the bottom of the refrigerator either by tilting it first to one side and then the other. OR by laying it down on the floor to your left-hand side, as shown.

- Tilt the refrigerator to the side enough to access the bottom. Using a $\frac{3}{8}$ " hex driver, remove the two screws attaching the wooden runner to the bottom of the refrigerator. Then install a leveler to the front corner.

NOTE: The refrigerator cabinet should not touch the floor without a leveler installed.

- Using the packaging corner posts (left-hand side, front and back) as a cushion, lay the refrigerator down on the floor (to your left-hand side only), as shown in the following graphic.

NOTE: Using the packaging as a cushion will help avoid denting or scratching the refrigerator.

- Using a $\frac{3}{8}$ " hex driver, remove the two screws attaching each wooden runner to the bottom of the refrigerator. Install a leveler to each of the front corners.

Clean Before Using

After you remove all of the package materials, clean the inside of your refrigerator before using it. See the cleaning instructions in “Refrigerator Care.”

Location Requirements

IMPORTANT: This refrigerator is designed for indoor, household use only.

To ensure proper ventilation for your refrigerator, allow $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.25 cm) of space on each side, and between the top of the refrigerator and overhead cabinets. Allow 2" (5 cm) of space behind the refrigerator. If your refrigerator has an ice maker, allow extra space at the back for the water line connections. When installing your refrigerator next to a fixed wall, leave a $3\frac{1}{8}$ " (8 cm) minimum space on the hinge side to allow the door to swing open.

NOTE: This refrigerator is intended for use in a location where the temperature ranges from a minimum of 55°F (13°C) to a maximum of 110°F (43°C). The preferred room temperature range for optimum performance, which reduces electricity usage and provides superior cooling, is between 60°F (15°C) and 90°F (32°C). It is recommended that you do not install the refrigerator near a heat source, such as an oven or radiator.

Water Supply Requirements

Read all directions before you begin.

IMPORTANT:

- If you turn the refrigerator on before the water line is connected. turn the ice maker OFF.
- All installations must meet local plumbing code requirements.
- Use copper tubing and check for leaks. Install copper tubing only in areas where the household temperatures will remain above freezing.

TOOLS NEEDED: Flat-blade screwdriver. $\frac{7}{16}$ " and $\frac{1}{2}$ " open-end wrenches or 2 adjustable wrenches. $\frac{1}{4}$ " nut driver and drill bit. cordless drill. Gather the required tools and parts before starting installation. Read and follow the instructions provided with any tools listed.

NOTE: *Your refrigerator dealer has a kit available with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6.35 mm) saddle-type shutoff valve, a union, and copper tubing. Before purchasing, make sure a saddle-type valve complies with your local plumbing codes. Do not use a piercing-type or $\frac{3}{16}$ " (4.76 mm) saddle valve which reduces water flow and clogs more easily.*

Water Pressure

A cold water supply with water pressure of between 30 and 120 psi (207 and 827 kPa) is required to operate the ice maker. If you have questions about your water pressure, call a licensed, qualified plumber.

Reverse Osmosis Water Supply

If a reverse osmosis water filtration system is connected to your cold water supply, the water pressure to the reverse osmosis system needs to be a minimum of 40 to 60 psi (276 to 414 kPa).

If the ice maker is still not operating properly:

- Check to see whether the sediment filter in the reverse osmosis system is blocked. Replace the filter if necessary.
- Allow the storage tank on the reverse osmosis system to refill after heavy usage.

If you have questions about your water pressure, call a licensed, qualified plumber.

Connect the Water Supply (on some models)

Read all directions before you begin.

IMPORTANT: *If you turn the refrigerator on before the water line is connected, turn the ice maker OFF to avoid excessive noise or damage to the water valve.*

Connect to Water Line

1. Unplug refrigerator or disconnect power.
2. Turn OFF main water supply. Turn ON nearest faucet long enough to clear line of water.
3. Locate a $\frac{1}{2}$ " to $1\frac{1}{4}$ " (1.27 cm to 3.18 cm) vertical cold water pipe near the refrigerator.



IMPORTANT:

- Make sure it is a cold water pipe.
 - Horizontal pipe will work. but drill on the top side of the pipe. not the bottom. This will help keep water away from the drill and normal sediment from collecting in the valve.
4. Determine the length of copper tubing you will need. Measure from the connection on lower left rear of refrigerator to the water pipe. Add 7 ft (2.1 m) to allow for cleaning. Use ¼" (6.35 mm) O.D. (outside diameter) copper tubing. Be sure both ends of copper tubing are cut square.
 5. Using a cordless drill. drill a ¼" hole in the cold water pipe you have selected.
 6. Fasten the shutoff valve to the cold water pipe with the pipe clamp. Be sure the outlet end is solidly in the ¼" drilled hole in the water pipe and that the washer is under the pipe clamp. Tighten the packing nut. Tighten the pipe clamp screws slowly and evenly so washer makes a watertight seal. Do not overtighten.
 7. Slip the compression sleeve and compression nut on the copper tubing as shown. Insert the end of the tubing into the outlet end squarely as far as it will go. Screw compression nut onto outlet end with adjustable wrench. Do not overtighten.
 8. Place the free end of the tubing in a container or sink. and turn ON the main water supply. Flush the tubing until water is clear. Turn OFF the shutoff valve on the water pipe. Coil the copper tubing.

Connect to Refrigerator

NOTE: On kit models. assemble water valve to refrigerator according to kit instructions.

Style 1

1. Unplug refrigerator or disconnect power.
2. Attach the copper tube to the valve inlet using a compression nut and sleeve as shown. Tighten the compression nut. Do not overtighten.
3. Use the tube clamp on the back of the refrigerator to secure the tubing to the refrigerator as shown. This will help avoid damage to the tubing when the refrigerator is pushed back against the wall.
4. Turn shutoff valve ON.
5. Check for leaks. Tighten any connections (including connections at the valve) or nuts that leak.
6. The ice maker is equipped with a built-in water strainer. If your water conditions require a second water strainer. install it in the ¼" (6.35 mm) water line at either tube connection. Obtain a water strainer from your nearest appliance dealer.

Style 2

1. Unplug refrigerator or disconnect power.

2. Disconnect the tube clamp on the back of the product and insert the copper tubing through the clamp as shown.
3. Attach the copper tube to the valve inlet using a compression nut and sleeve as shown.
4. Tighten the compression nut. Do not overtighten. Reattach the tube clamp and tube to the back of the cabinet.
5. Turn shutoff valve ON. Check for leaks. Tighten any connections (including connections at the valve) or nuts that leak.
6. The ice maker is equipped with a built-in water strainer. If your water conditions require a second water strainer, install it in the ¼" (6.35 mm) water line at either tube connection. Obtain a water strainer from your nearest appliance dealer.

Complete the Installation

1. Plug into a grounded 3 prong outlet.

NOTE: Allow 24 hours to produce the first batch of ice. Discard the first three batches of ice produced. Allow 3 days to completely fill ice container.

Refrigerator Doors

TOOLS NEEDED: ⅝" hex-head socket wrench. #2 Phillips screwdriver. flat-blade screwdriver. ⅝" open-end wrench. flat 2" putty knife.

IMPORTANT:

- Before you begin, turn the refrigerator control OFF. Unplug refrigerator or disconnect power.
- Remove food and adjustable door or utility bins from doors.
- If you are only removing and replacing the doors, see the "Remove Doors and Hinges" and "Replace Doors and Hinges" sections.

Remove Doors and Hinges

1. Unplug refrigerator or disconnect power.
2. Close the refrigerator door and keep both doors closed until you are ready to lift them free from the cabinet. NOTE: Provide support between the freezer and refrigerator doors while the hinges are being moved. Do not depend on the door magnets to hold the doors in place while you are working.
3. Remove the parts for the top hinge as shown in Top Hinge graphic. Lift the freezer door free from the cabinet.
4. Remove the parts for the center hinge as shown in the Center Hinge graphic. NOTE: Provide support between the refrigerator door and the floor while the hinges are being moved. Do not depend on the door magnets to hold the door in place while you are working.
5. Lift the refrigerator door free from the cabinet.

6. Remove the four screws (two on the bottom and two on the front) attaching the Bottom hinge to the cabinet. See Bottom Hinge graphic.

Reverse Doors (optional)

IMPORTANT: If you want to reverse your doors so that they open in the opposite direction, follow these steps. If you are not reversing the doors, see “Replace Doors and Hinges.” Graphics follow these instructions.

Cabinet

1. From the top of the cabinet, remove the hinge hole plugs, move them to the opposite side, and insert the hole plugs into the holes from where you removed the hinge screws. See Graphic 1-2.
2. Remove the screws filling the holes to be used for the Center Hinge and install them on the opposite side.
3. Move the leveler from the bottom of the refrigerator and install it on the opposite side.
4. Move the parts of the top hinge, center hinge and bottom hinge to the opposite side.

Doors

1. Remove door hinge hole plug from top of freezer door. Move to opposite side as shown. See Graphic 2.
2. Remove the door stop from the bottoms of both the freezer and refrigerator doors and install them on the opposite side. See graphics 3 and 4.

Replace Doors and Hinges

NOTES:

- Graphic may be reversed if door swing is reversed.
- Provide additional support for the doors while the hinges are being reinstalled. Do not depend on the door magnets to hold the doors in place while you are working.

1. Replace the parts for the bottom hinge as shown. Tighten screws. Replace the refrigerator door.
2. Assemble the parts for the center hinge as shown and tighten all screws. See Center Hinge graphic. Replace the freezer door.
3. Assemble the parts for the top hinge as shown. See Top Hinge graphic. Do not tighten screws completely.
4. Align the doors so that the bottom of the freezer door is even with the top of the refrigerator door. Tighten all screws.

Final Steps

1. Check all holes to make sure that hole plugs and screws are in place.

2. Plug into a grounded 3 prong outlet.
3. Reset the controls. See "Using the Control(s)."
4. Return all removable door parts to doors and food to refrigerator.

Adjust the Doors

Your refrigerator has two adjustable levelers, one on each side, at the base of the refrigerator. If your refrigerator seems unsteady or if you want the doors to close more easily, adjust the level and tilt of the refrigerator.

1. Turn the leveler to the left to raise that side of the refrigerator or to the right to lower that side. It may take several turns to adjust the tilt of the refrigerator. NOTE: Having someone push against the top of the refrigerator takes some weight off the levelers. This makes it easier to turn the levelers.
2. Open both doors again to make sure that they close as easily as you like. If not, tilt the refrigerator slightly more to the rear by turning both levelers to the right. It may take several more turns. NOTE: To keep the refrigerator level, make the same adjustment to each side.
3. Using a level, make sure the refrigerator is still level from side to side. Readjust if necessary.

REFRIGERATOR USE

Using the Controls

Temperature Control

When you plug in the refrigerator for the first time, set the Temperature Control to the Recommended setting. Temperature Control adjustments range from MIN (least cold) to MAX (coldest).

IMPORTANT:

- Turning the Temperature Control to OFF stops cooling in the refrigerator and freezer compartments, but it does not disconnect the refrigerator from the power supply.
- The Temperature Control regulates the temperature in both the refrigerator and freezer compartments. Settings to the left of the mid-setting make the temperature less cold. Settings to the right of the mid-setting make the temperature colder.
- Wait 24 hours before you put food into your refrigerator. If you add food before the refrigerator has cooled completely, your food may spoil.

NOTE: Adjusting the Temperature Control to a higher (colder) setting will not cool the compartments any faster.

- The mid-settings should be correct for normal household usage. The controls are set correctly when milk or juice is as cold as you like and when ice cream is firm.

- If the temperature is too warm or too cold in the refrigerator or freezer, before adjusting the controls, first make sure the air vents are not blocked.

Airflow Control

The Airflow control is located on the back wall of the freezer. It regulates the amount of air flowing between the freezer and the refrigerator compartments.

When you plug in the refrigerator for the first time, turn the Airflow control to the Recommended setting.

Adjust the Airflow Control

If you want to temporarily increase the cold airflow to a specific compartment, adjust the control.

IMPORTANT: Once the performance is achieved, return the Airflow control to the Recommended setting to keep the refrigerator operating at optimum efficiency.

Crisper Humidity Control (on some models)

You control the amount of humidity in the moisture-sealed crisper. Depending on the produce you are storing, select the desired Humidity Level.

Humidity Level - Min Setting

MIN (open) lets moist air out of the crisper for best storage of fruits and vegetables with skins.

- Fruit: Wash, let dry and store in refrigerator in plastic bag or crisper. Do not wash or hull berries until they are ready to use. Sort and keep berries in original container in crisper, or store in a loosely closed paper bag on a refrigerator shelf.

- Vegetables with skins: Place in plastic bag or plastic container and store in crisper.

MAX (closed) keeps moist air in the crisper for best storage of fresh, leafy vegetables.

- Leafy vegetables: Wash in cold water, drain and trim or tear off bruised and discolored areas. Place in plastic bag or plastic container and store in crisper.

Ice Maker (on some models - Accessory)

Turning the Ice Maker On/Off

NOTE: Do not force the wire shutoff arm up or down.

- To turn the ice maker on, simply lower the wire shutoff arm.

NOTE: Your ice maker has an automatic shutoff. As ice is made, the ice cubes will fill the ice storage bin and the ice cubes will raise the wire shutoff arm to the OFF (arm up) position.

- To manually turn off the ice maker, lift the wire shutoff arm to the OFF (arm up) position and listen for the click to make sure the ice maker will not continue to operate.

NOTE: Turn off the ice maker before removing the ice storage bin to serve ice or to clean the bin. This will keep the ice cubes from dropping out of the ice maker and into the freezer compartment. After replacing the ice storage bin, turn on the ice maker.

Ice Production Rate

In normal operation, the ice maker should produce approximately 8 to 12 batches of ice in a 24-hour period. If ice is not being made fast enough, adjust the controls.

- Air Flow Control - Turn the control dial to the Max Freezer setting.
- Temperature Control - Turn the control dial gradually toward the Max setting, waiting 24 hours between each increase.

Remember

- Allow 24 hours to produce the first batch of ice. Allow 3 days to completely fill the ice storage bin. Discard the first three batches of ice produced.
- The quality of your ice will be only as good as the quality of the water supplied to your ice maker. Avoid connecting the ice maker to a softened water supply. Water softener chemicals (such as salt) can damage parts of the ice maker and lead to poor quality ice. If a softened water supply cannot be avoided, make sure the water softener is operating properly and is well maintained.
- Do not store anything on top of the ice maker or in the ice storage bin.

REFRIGERATOR FEATURES

Your model may have some or all of these features.

Refrigerator Shelves (Glass shelves on some models)

The shelves in your refrigerator are adjustable to match your individual storage needs.

Storing similar food items together in your refrigerator and adjusting the shelves to fit different heights of items will make finding the exact item you want easier. It will also reduce the amount of time the refrigerator door is open, and save energy.

Shelves and Glass Shelves (on some models)

To remove and replace a shelf:

1. Remove items from the shelf.
2. Slide the shelf straight out to the stop.
3. Depending on your model, lift back or front of the shelf past the stop. Slide shelf out the rest of the way.
4. Replace the shelf by sliding the back of the shelf into the track in the wall of the cabinet.
5. Guide the front of the shelf into the shelf track. Be sure to slide the shelf in all the way.

Meat Drawer (on some models)

To remove and replace the meat drawer:

1. Slide meat drawer out to the stop.
2. Lift front of meat drawer with one hand while supporting bottom of drawer with other hand. Slide drawer out the rest of the way.
3. Replace the drawer by sliding it back in fully past the drawer stop.

Meat Drawer Cover (on some models)

To remove and replace the meat drawer cover:

1. Remove the meat drawer.
2. Push the cover back to release the rear clips from the shelf. Tilt the cover up at the front and pull it forward.
3. Replace the meat drawer cover by fitting the notches and clips on the cover over the rear and center crossbars on the shelf.
4. Lower cover into place and pull the cover forward to secure the rear clips onto the shelf.
5. Replace the meat drawer.

NOTE: In some models the meat pan moves sideways on the shelf to allow for flexible positioning.

Meat Storage Guide

Store most meat in original wrapping as long as it is airtight and moisture-proof. Rewrap if necessary. See the following chart for storage times. When storing meat longer than the times given, freeze the meat.

Crisper (on some models)

Crisper Drawers

To remove and replace the crisper drawer:

1. Slide the crisper drawer straight out to the stop. Lift the front and slide the drawer out the rest of the way.
2. Replace the drawer by sliding the drawer in fully past the stop.

Crisper Cover

Style 1 - Plastic Cover

To remove and replace the crisper cover:

1. Remove the crisper(s).
2. Lift the front of the cover to remove the cover support. Then lift the cover up and slide it out.
3. Replace the cover by fitting the cover tabs into lowest cabinet slots and pushing them in. Lower the front retainers into place.

4. Insert cover support (with the long tab toward the front) into the groove on the underside of the cover.

NOTE: If the support needs adjustment. turn the base of the support clockwise to raise or counter clockwise to lower.

Style 2 - Glass Cover

To remove and replace the crisper cover:

1. Pull the glass straight out.
2. Replace the glass by pushing it straight in.

Utility or Egg Bin (on some models)

Depending on your model, you may have a one, two or three piece bin. Eggs may be stored in the egg tray or loose in the bin.

NOTE: Store eggs in a covered container for long-term storage. If your model does not have an egg storage bin, store eggs in their original container on an interior shelf.

FREEZER FEATURES

Your model may have some or all of these features.

Freezer Shelf (on some models)

To remove and replace the freezer shelf:

1. Remove items from the shelf.
2. Lift back of shelf over stop and slide shelf straight out.
3. Replace the shelf by sliding the back of the shelf into the tracks on walls of cabinet.
4. Be sure to slide the shelf in all the way.

Frozen Food Storage Guide

Storage times will vary according to the quality and type of food, the type of packaging or wrap used (should be airtight and moisture-proof), and the storage temperature. Seal the package or container securely to avoid taste and odor transfer throughout the product. Ice crystals inside a sealed package are normal. This simply means that moisture in the food and air inside the package have condensed, creating ice crystals.

DOOR FEATURES

Your model may have some or all of these features.

Door Rails or Trivets

The door rails or trivets may be removed for easier cleaning.

Snap-on Door Rails or Trivets (on some models)

To remove and replace the rails or trivets:

1. Depending on your model, remove the rails or trivets by pushing in slightly on the front of the bracket while pulling out on the inside tab. Repeat these steps for the other end.
2. Replace the rails or trivets by aligning the ends of the brackets with the buttons on the sides of the door liner. Firmly snap bracket and assembly onto the tabs above the shelf as shown.

Drop-in Door Rails (on some models)

1. To remove and replace the rails:
2. Remove the rails by pulling straight up on each end of the rail. Replace the rails by sliding the shelf rail into the slots on the door and pushing the rail straight down until it stops.

Can Racks and Door Bins (on some models)

NOTE: Can racks may be purchased as an Accessory for some models.

To remove and replace the racks/bins:

1. Remove the rack/bin by lifting it and pulling it straight out.
2. Replace the rack/bin by sliding it in above the desired support and pushing it down until it stops.

REFRIGERATOR CARE

Cleaning

To Clean Your Refrigerator:

NOTE: Do not use abrasive or harsh cleaners such as window sprays, scouring cleansers, flammable fluids, cleaning waxes, concentrated detergents, bleaches or cleansers containing petroleum products on plastic parts, interior and door liners or gaskets. Do not use paper towels, scouring pads, or other harsh cleaning tools.

1. Unplug refrigerator or disconnect power.
2. Hand wash, rinse, and dry removable parts and interior surfaces thoroughly. Use a clean sponge or soft cloth and a mild detergent in warm water.
3. Wash painted metal exteriors with a clean sponge or soft cloth and a mild detergent in warm water. Dry thoroughly with a soft cloth.
4. Plug in refrigerator or reconnect power.

Changing the Light Bulbs

NOTE: Not all bulbs will fit your refrigerator. Be sure to replace the bulb with an appliance bulb of the same size, shape, and wattage.

1. Unplug refrigerator or disconnect power.
2. Remove the upper shelf to access the light shield.

3. Remove the screw from the bottom of the light shield.
4. Press the side of the light shield to release it from the catch and pull the shield away from the light assembly.
5. Remove the light bulb and replace it with a new 25-watt appliance bulb. Replace the light shield.
6. Replace the screw removed in Step 3.
7. Plug in refrigerator or reconnect power.

Vacation and Moving Care

Vacations

If You Choose to Leave the Refrigerator On While You're Away:

1. Use up any perishables and freeze other items.
2. If your refrigerator has an automatic ice maker, and is connected to the household water supply, turn off the water supply to the refrigerator. Property damage can occur if the water supply is not turned off.
3. If you have an automatic ice maker, turn off the ice maker. **NOTE:** Depending on your model, raise the wire shutoff arm to OFF (up) position, or press the switch to OFF.
4. Empty the ice bin.

If You Choose to Turn Off the Refrigerator Before You Leave:

1. Remove all food from the refrigerator.
2. If your refrigerator has an automatic ice maker: Turn off the water supply to the ice maker at least one day ahead of time. When the last load of ice drops, raise the wire shutoff arm to the OFF (up) position or press the switch to OFF, depending on your model.
3. Turn off the Temperature control(s). See "Using the Control(s)."
4. Clean refrigerator, wipe it, and dry well.
5. Tape rubber or wood blocks to the tops of both doors to prop them open far enough for air to get in. This stops odor and mold from building up.

Moving

When you are moving your refrigerator to a new home, follow these steps to prepare it for the move.

1. If your refrigerator has an automatic ice maker: - Turn off the water supply to the ice maker at least one day ahead of time - Disconnect the water line from the back of the refrigerator. - When the last load of ice drops, raise the wire shutoff arm to the OFF (up) position or press the switch to OFF, depending on your model.
2. Remove all food from the refrigerator and pack all frozen food in dry ice.
3. Empty the ice bin.

4. Turn off the Temperature control(s). See “Using the Control(s).”
5. Unplug refrigerator.
6. Clean, wipe, and dry thoroughly.
7. Take out all removable parts, wrap them well, and tape them together so they don't shift and rattle during the move.
8. Depending on the model, raise the front of the refrigerator so it rolls more easily OR raise the leveling screws so they don't scrape the floor. See “Adjust the Door(s).”
9. Tape the doors closed and tape the power cord to the back of the refrigerator.

When you get to your new home, put everything back and refer to the “Installation Instructions” section for preparation instructions. Also, if your refrigerator has an automatic ice maker, remember to reconnect the water supply to the refrigerator.

Warning

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