

# User Manual Maytag MZD2766GES Refrigerator

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING:** When using your appliance, always follow basic precautions, including the following:

- Use the refrigerator only for its intended purpose.
- To prevent possibility of hazard due to electrical shock. never plug the refrigerator into a receptacle which has not been grounded adequately and in accordance with the local and national electrical codes. See the warning and grounding instructions.
- Unplug the refrigerator before cleaning or replacing light bulb.
- In case of power failure. minimize door openings.
- If the power failure is of a long duration. protect the food by placing blocks of dry ice on top of the packages or check with a local frozen foods locker about temporary storage. Frozen foods which have thawed completely should not be refrozen and should be discarded.
- Any electrical service cord that becomes frayed or damaged should be immediately repaired or replaced. Never unplug your appliance by pulling on the power cord.
- Your refrigerator should not be operated in the presence of explosive throes.
- Children should not climb. hang or stand on the shelves of this refrigerator.

**Important:** Child entrapment and suffocation are not problems of the past. Junked or abandoned refrigerators are still dangerous... even if they will sit for "just a few days." If you are getting rid of your old refrigerator, please follow the instructions below

- Take off the doors.
- Leave the shelves in place so that children may not easily climb inside.

## **WARNING**

***This appliance is designed to operate on a normal 115 volt, 15 amp, 60 cycle line. There should be a separate, grounded circuit serving this appliance only. Do not use an extension cord. Do not use any device that will alter the electrical performance of this appliance.***

This appliance is equipped with three-pronged grounding plug for your protection against possible electrical shock hazards. It must be plugged into a grounding receptacle. Where a standard two-prong wall receptacle is encountered, it is the personal responsibility and obligation of the customer to have it replaced with a properly grounded three-prong wall receptacle. Do not under any circumstances, cut or remove the third (ground) prong from the power cord. Do not use an adapter plug. Do not use an extension cord.

## **Installation**

Your new refrigerator was packed carefully for shipment. Remove and discard shelf packing clips (if used) located just above each shelf where they hook onto the frame. To remove plastic clips, wiggle the clips sideways and pull straight out.

## **Location**

- Allow for a free flow of air through the front base
- Install the refrigerator where the room temperature will not go below 55 ° F. With temperatures below 55 °, the refrigerator will not run frequently enough to maintain proper temperature in the freezer.
- Allow a minimum 1/2" clearance on the sides, top and back for ease of installation. If the refrigerator is placed with the door hinge side against a wall, you may want to allow additional space so the door can be opened wider.
- Use caution when installing the unit on vinyl or hardwood floors so as not to mark or otherwise damage the flooring. A piece of plywood, a rug or other material should be used to protect the floor while positioning the unit.

## **Energy - Saving Tips**

- Locate the refrigerator away from heat-producing appliances such as the range or dishwasher, heat vents and direct sunlight.
- Level the refrigerator and do not block ventilation around the front grille.

- Keep the freezer full to near capacity so less cold air will escape during door openings. When the freezer is less than two-thirds full, place milk cartons half full of water in the freezer.
- Let hot dishes cool slightly before putting into the refrigerator or freezer.
- Cover liquids.
- Wipe moisture from the outside of containers before placing them into the refrigerator.
- Avoid opening the doors too often.

### **Leveling**

To enhance appearance and to maintain optimal performance, the refrigerator must be level. Your refrigerator has wheels which can be adjusted for leveling:

- Remove the lower hinge covers (see fig. 1). To do this, grasp each cover near the hinge and apply pressure. The attachment tabs will snap out, allowing removal of the covers.
- Adjust the wheels with a screwdriver (see fig. 2).
- To lock the cabinet in place, turn down both leveling/lock feet, located near the front wheels (see fig 3).
- Replace the hinge covers.
- If the floor is not level and it is necessary to raise the rear of the cabinet, we suggest rolling the rear wheels onto a piece of plywood or other shim material.

### **Temperature Controls**

Your refrigerator has Maytag's Dual CoolF' freshness design to control fresh and frozen food temperatures. The controls are located at the top front of the fresh food compartment.

#### **Initial Dual Cool Control Settings**

- The refrigerator and freezer controls have settings from 1 (warmest) to 9 (coldest). Initially set both controls on 5.
- Let the refrigerator run at least 8-12 hours before adding food.

#### **Adjusting the Dual Cool Controls**

- 24 hours after adding food, you may decide that one or both compartments should be colder or warmer. If so, adjust the control(s) as indicated in the table above.
- Except when starting the refrigerator, do not change either control more than one number at a time.
- Allow 24 hours for temperatures to stabilize before resetting.
- Changing either control will have some effect on the temperature of the other compartment.

### **Warm Cabinet Surface**

At times, the front of the refrigerator cabinet may be warm to the touch. This is a normal occurrence that Your refrigerator is designed to defrost automatically. The condition will be more noticeable when you first start the refrigerator, during hot weather and after excessive or lengthy door openings.

## **Interior Features**

### ***Tempered Glass Cantilever Shelves***

These shelves are adjustable so the refrigerator interior can be customized for varying food storage needs.

**To remove a shelf:** Unload. Lift up the rear of the shelf slightly. pull the shelf straight out.

**To move shelf to different position:** After removing, tilt up the front edge of the shelf Insert the hooks into the desired openings and let the shelf settle into place. Be sure the shelf is securely locked at the rear.

### **Spill-Catcher™ Shelves (select models)**

**Spill-Catcher** shelves have a spill retainer edge to contain spills and make cleanup easier.

**Some Spill-Catcher**, shelves feature the Easy Glide slide-out feature. To slide out. grasp the front of the shelf and pull forward. Push the shelf in to return to original position.

### **Elevator™ Shelf (select models)**

The Elevator™ shelf is equipped with a spill-retaining edge and the Easy Glide slide-out feature. It can be adjusted up or down without unloading. To slide out, grasp the front of the shelf and pull forward. Push the shelf in to return to original position.

**To adjust the Elevator shelf:** Pull out the knob on the crank handle. Rotate the crank clockwise to raise the shelf and counterclockwise to lower the height of the shelf.

**To remove:** To remove the Elevator™ shelf for occasional cleaning, completely unload the shelf and pull the shelf forward. When the shelf stops, press up on the tabs located underneath its outside edges, then continue pulling forward, clear of the frame.

**To replace:** Align the shelf to the frame and push it all the way back. It is not necessary to press up on the tabs for reinstallation.

In ordinary use, the **Elevator™** shelf frame assembly does NOT require removal. Though unlikely, and not recommended, the correct removal procedure is as follows:

- Unload the shelf completely.
- Slide the shelf forward about two inches and
- While supporting the entire shelf and frame from underneath, lift slightly and rotate the assembly approximately 30° to allow the rear mechanism to clear the vertical rear side rails.

- The entire assembly can then be moved forward and clear of the refrigerator compartment.
- To reinstall, reverse the removal procedure. Be sure the shelf is in a level position. When the sliding shelf is pushed to the rear, it will reposition the rear latches to their correct operating position.

The **Pick-Off Door Bins** (select models) are designed to accommodate gallon-plus sized containers. They are adjustable and easily removed. To remove: Lift the bin up until it clears the retainers on the door liner, then pull the bin straight out. Reverse this procedure to replace the bin.

**Keepers** (select models) fit in refrigerator door bins to secure bottles and other containers in place when the door is opened or closed. Keepers are adjusted by sliding side to side.

**The Tall Bottle Retainer** (select models) prevents tall bottles from tipping forward. It is adjusted by sliding side to side.

**The Dairy Compartment**, located in the refrigerator door, may be equipped with a Keeper or Butter Dish.

**The Egg Cradle** (style may vary/select models) holds a "dozen-plus" eggs. It can be removed to carry to a work area or to be washed.

**The Multi-Use Rack** (select models) provides a place for storing wine horizontally. The rack also holds canned beverages or an egg carton. Position the rack on the left-hand side of a refrigerator shelf. Note: The Multi-Use Rack cannot be positioned on an **Elevator™ Shelf**

The **12-Pack Rack** (select models) suspends from any of the spill-proof refrigerator shelves. It hooks over the framework wires under the shelf. The sloped design allows cans to roll forward as one is removed.

### **Special Storage Areas**

To remove any of the styles of storage drawers described below, follow these directions:

Pull the drawer out until it stops. Tilt the drawer front up and pull out. To replace the drawer, align the drawer in the tracks, lift the drawer front and slide the drawer back in.

#### **Adjusti-Temp™ (bottom drawer - select models)**

This drawer is designed to provide a short-term storage area for fresh meats, cheeses and luncheon meats.

The temperature control for this drawer is located on the left side wall of the refrigerator, near the front of the drawer. The "cool" setting maintains a temperature within the drawer consistent with the surrounding fresh food compartment. To achieve a lower temperature within the drawer, slide the control towards the "cold" setting. A lower temperature within the drawer is recommended when storing fresh meat, poultry or fish.

#### **Adjusti-Temp™ (top drawer - select models)**

The temperature control for this drawer is located on the shelf front above the drawer. Slide the control left or right. The "cheese" setting provides a temperature similar to that of the surrounding fresh food compartment. The "meat" setting provides a lower temperature within the drawer which is recommended when storing fresh meat, poultry or fish.

### **Snack Center Drawer (select models)**

This drawer provides a convenient storage area for miscellaneous food and snack items. This drawer does not have the adjustable temperature and humidity capabilities.

### **Humidity Controlled Crisper(s) select models)**

Crisper drawers are designed for fruit and vegetable storage.

### **Slide Humidity Controls**

Some crisper drawers are designed with adjustable humidity controls located above the drawers. Slide the control to the left for fruit storage (lower humidity) or to the right for vegetable storage (higher humidity).

### **Automatic Humidity Control**

Some crispers are equipped with an Automatic Humidity

Control system, eliminating the need for manual humidity slide controls on the drawer. A fabric-like material\* covers small air vents in the shelf insert above the crispers.

This material controls the flow of moisture out of the crisper. If a food spill should occur on the air vent or fabric-like material, wipe with a clean, damp cloth.

### **ClimateZone™ Storage Drawers (select models)**

ClimateZone™ storage drawers provide accurate temperature control for storing meats, fruits and vegetables. The top drawer has a Meats, Citrus and Produce setting. The middle drawer has a Citrus and Produce setting. ClimateZone™ drawers are equipped with Automatic Humidity Control. The drawers operate electronically with a numerical temperature display for each selection.

ClimateZone™ Technology can also be turned off by pressing Normal on the keypad. When turned off, the drawers operate as standard sealed crisper drawers without a temperature display.

### **Changing from Fahrenheit to Celsius**

To toggle from Fahrenheit to Celsius modes, press the Citrus and Produce buttons simultaneously and hold. Initially an "F" will appear in the display to confirm the current display mode. After holding the Citrus and Produce buttons for approximately 3 seconds the letter in the display will toggle to a "C". Once the letter changes, the citrus and produce buttons can be released. The display mode has been changed and the temperature will now be displayed in degrees Celsius.

To change back to Fahrenheit mode, follow the same procedure.

### **Notes:**

- If a ClimateZone drawer is left open, the display will flash.
- After prolonged openings and/or loading the drawers, etc. the temperature within the drawer may rise by a few degrees. This is normal. The temperature will recover in a short period of time.
- Frozen meats will thaw very slowly on the Meats setting. Thawing should be done outside of the drawers, on the lowest shelf in the refrigerator.
- Under heavy usage conditions during hot, humid weather, the exterior surfaces of the ClimateZone drawers may fog. This is normal. The condensation will clear once the door is closed for a period of time.
- Due to the accuracy and the location of the ClimateZone \_ Technology temperature sensor system, drawer temperatures measured with household refrigerator thermometers may vary from the drawer temperature display. This is normal.
- If ClimateZone drawers are not opened for a period of four weeks, they will automatically go to the Normal or "'off' state. The display will turn off'.

### **ClimateZone rM Light Bulb Replacement**

**To remove the compartment assembly for bulb replacement:** Unplug the refrigerator. Unload and remove shelf located above the ClimateZone TM drawers. Unload and remove the drawers. Remove two 1/4" hex screws located on the left-hand side. Lift the top compartment assembly upward (approx. 1 inch) and pull forward (approx. 2-3 inches). The assembly should rest on its supports.

**Replace the bulb:** Unscrew bulb and replace.

**Caution:** Handle the light bulb with care to prevent breakage. The bulb may be hot from use.

**To replace:** Lift the assembly back into its original position. Align the screw holes. Make sure the assembly is pushed firmly to the left of the refrigerator cavity. Replace the two screws. Replace the drawers into the assemblies, replace the shelf above the assemblies, and reconnect the power to the refrigerator.

### **Removal of the ClimateZone TM Compartment Assemblies for Cleaning**

Unplug the refrigerator. Unload and remove shelf located above the ClimateZone \_ drawers. Unload and remove the drawers. Remove two 1/4" hex screws

**To replace:** Lift the lower assembly back into its original position leaving enough space to reach the power cords. Reconnect the assembly power cords. Push the assembly in all the way to the original position. Align the screw holes. Make sure the assembly is pushed firmly to the left of the refrigerator cavity. Replace the two screws. Repeat with top assembly. Replace the drawers into the assemblies, replace the shelf above the assemblies, and reconnect the power to the refrigerator. Replace the assemblies in their original positions.

### **ChillKeeper TM (select models)**

The ChillKeeper compartment is located in the refrigerator door and is designed to quick chill items and

**To open:** Grasp the opening on the right side of the compartment cover and swing to the left. The cover will automatically latch when closed.

**NOTE:** If the latching mechanism is accidentally dislocated place the eraser end of a pencil next to the

The ChillKeeper TM control is located on the left wall of the "Cold" to provide colder temperatures in the ChillKeeper TM.

The ChillKeeper utility drawer is located at the bottom of the compartment. The lockable utility drawer provides storage for items such as batteries, film and prescription medications. The lock is located on the left side of the drawer. To unlock and open the drawer, move the pin to the "Unlock" position and slide the drawer out. To close, slide the drawer back in and move the pin into the "Lock" position.

### **Freezer Compartment**

The freezer shelves (wire or glass) and baskets rest on support rails molded into the wall of the freezer. Select models offer freezer shelves that slide forward for easier access to items at the rear of the shelf.

**To remove a freezer shelf:** Completely unload the shelf and lift straight up. Tilt the shelf sideways and pull straight out. To replace, reverse this procedure.

The freezer basket(s) (number will vary by model) slide out for more convenient access to the frozen foods.

### **StairStep TM Freezer Baskets (select models)**

StairStep TM freezer baskets interact for easier access to contents in the lower part of the freezer. Pull the lower basket forward to gain access to its

Pulling the upper basket open provides access to its contents. The lower basket will also move forward

**To remove the baskets:** Pull forward on the upper basket until it stops. Lift up slightly and continue pulling forward. The baskets are removed together. Reverse the above procedure to replace the baskets.

### **Drop-Down Freezer Door Baskets (select models)**

These baskets provide convenient storage space for frozen food items that tend to shift, such as bagged vegetables.

## **Ice Service**

### **Models Without an Automatic Ice Maker**

The freezer compartment is equipped with ice cube trays and an ice storage bin. The bin stacks on top of the stacked ice cube trays. To release the ice cubes from tray, hold the tray upside down over the bin and twist both ends.

The refrigerator is automatic ice maker ready. The number for the ice maker kit needed appears on the data plate (see front cover).

### **Models with an Automatic Ice Maker**

#### **Adjustable Ice Level (select models)**

Some ice makers are equipped with a sensor arm to adjust the amount of ice in your ice storage tray for times when less ice is needed.

**To adjust the amount of ice produced:** Push the plastic sensor arm inward and rotate to the desired capacity.

After your refrigerator has been connected to the water supply, move the wire lever arm into the down position. This will start its operation. The ice maker will fill with water when the freezer reaches the proper temperature. It may be 8 to 12 hours before the ice maker furnishes any usable ice cubes.

Discard all the cubes from the first two or three batches made. These initial ice cubes may be irregularly shaped, discolored, or contain impurities from the new water supply piping.

When the ice cubes are ejected it is normal for several cubes to be joined together at the ends. They can easily be broken apart. The ice maker will continue to make ice until the supply of ice cubes raises the wire lever arm, shutting the ice maker off.

To manually stop the operation of the ice maker, move the wire lever arm into the up (off) position.

Certain sounds may accompany the various cycles of the ice maker.

- buzzing of the water valve
- running of the water as the tray fills
- rattling of the ice cubes falling into an empty ice bin.

If the ice is not used frequently, the ice cubes will become cloudy, shrink, stick together and taste stale. Empty the ice storage bin periodically and wash it in lukewarm water. Be sure to dry the bin before replacing it.

### **Dispenser Models**

To check the ice level or gain access to the ice bin, lift open the door on the ice bin.

To remove the bin, first turn off the ice maker. This is done by opening the door on the ice bin and moving the ice maker wire lever up to the "off" position. Then reach under the bin front and pull down on the back edge. After it snaps free, pull the bin straight forward. To replace the ice bin, align the bottom rails to the corresponding shelf grooves and push it straight back until it stops and

latches. Make sure the tabs at the back of the bin that turn the spiral auger are positioned between the prongs from the auger motor. Turn the ice maker on by lowering the wire arm.

Beverages and foods should not be placed in the ice storage bin for quick chilling. These items can block the wire lever arm, causing the ice maker to malfunction.

## **Ice and Water Service**

### **Automatic Ice and Water Dispenser (select models)**

#### **Dispensing Water and Ice**

To dispense ice or water, position a glass against the top. Hold the glass high in the dispenser opening to avoid spills.

To stop dispensing, release the pressure on the actuator pad and hold the container in position momentarily to catch the last pieces of ice or the last drops of water. The ice delivery door will remain open for a short time. When it closes, a closing sound can be heard.

The control key pads are located on the dispenser control panel. To select the desired function, press the appropriate pad. When ice cubes, crushed ice or water are selected, a light above the selection glows.

Water from the dispenser is not as cold as ice water. For colder water, simply add ice before dispensing the water. The first glass or two of water dispensed each time may be warmer than subsequent glasses. A full glass of water will be cooler than a partial glass. To prevent splashing, fill the glass with ice before adding water.

#### **Ice Dispensing Tips**

- Some crushed ice may be dispensed even though cubed ice was selected. This happens occasionally when a few cubes are accidentally channeled into the crusher.
- Likewise, when changing from crushed ice to cubes, some crushed ice may be dispensed. This may also happen if irregular-sized cubes or ice chips are in the storage bin.
- If the ice dispenser is not used frequently, ice cubes may clump together and may need to be broken apart or discarded.
- If the "crushed" option is used frequently or exclusively, select "cube" option occasionally to clear the chute from any crushed ice that may have built up.
- A slight pause may be noticed when dispensing crushed ice. This is normal because the ice is being channeled to the crusher. Crushed ice pieces will vary in size and shape.
- Do not add ice to the storage bin which was not produced by your ice maker, as it may not crush and/or dispense properly.
- Avoid operating the ice dispenser continuously for more than five minutes. Remove large quantities from the bin by hand.

- Avoid dispensing ice directly into fine china or delicate crystal. The pressure of pressing against the actuator pad and the ice dropping into the container can cause cracking or chipping of delicate items.

### **Spill Tray**

**DO NOT** pour water into the Spill Tray grille at the bottom of the dispenser area. This is a spill area, NOT a drain. Normal, small spills will evaporate. Larger spills should be wiped up with a soft cloth or sponge.

The grille slides out for clean up. It is recommended to clean the spill area occasionally to prevent mineral deposits.

### **Dispenser Light**

When the actuator pad is pressed, the dispenser light automatically illuminates. To manually turn the light on, press the pad. To turn the light off, press the pad again.

### **Dispenser Lock**

To interrupt power to the water and ice dispenser so it cannot be used, press the pad 3 times within 10 seconds.

An indicator light above the lock pad is illuminated when the dispenser is locked. Press the pad 3 times within 10 seconds again to unlock the ice and water service.

### **Water Filter (select models)**

The water filter mounts in the upper fresh-food compartment, on the underside of the Dual Cool™ control housing.

Your refrigerator was delivered from the factory with a filter bypass in place. The filter cartridge can be found packaged inside of the refrigerator. It can be easily installed without using any additional parts, screws or fasteners.

### **Notes:**

- The ice and water dispenser and the ice maker should not be operated unless either the filter bypass or a filter is in place.
- If the refrigerator is NOT equipped with a Water Filter Change Reminder Light, change the filter every six months.
- Models equipped with a Water Filter Change Reminder Light should have the filter changed when the reminder light illuminates.
- If water flow to the ice maker or dispenser decidedly decreases or if an objectionable taste or odor returns, change the filter sooner than recommended.

### **Water Filter Change Reminder Light (select models)**

For some refrigerator models featuring water filters, the Water Filter Change Reminder function monitors the life of the filter and provides a reminder when it is time for the filter to be changed.

When the system detects either 12 months of usage, or the filtering of 416 gallons of water (whichever comes first), the CHANGE FILTER indicator light will illuminate. This indicates that the water filter should be changed (see page 12) and the light reset.

### **Initial Filter Cartridge Installation**

1. Twist the cap of the filter bypass 1/4 turn counter clockwise (as viewed from the bottom) so the ears on the plug can disengage.

Remove the filter bypass from the filter head apparatus.

**DO NOT** dispose of this filter bypass! It should be [ stored for future use. In the event that you choose to use the water and ice dispenser without a filter.

2. Carefully remove the filter from its packaging.

3. Apply the month sticker to the cartridge as

4. Remove the red cap from the filter.

5. Lubricate the O-ring with food-grade vegetable oil.

6. Line up the cartridge ears so it can be inserted into the filter head. The unlocked symbol will line up with the indicator line that is molded into the light shield area. Rotate the cartridge into the head. Twist the cartridge 1/4 turn clockwise to lock it into place. You will feel a stop and the locked symbol should now be lined up with the indicator line.

7. Dispense water through the dispenser for 10 minutes.

8. Carefully check for leaks.

### **Replacing the Filter Cartridge**

1. Twist the filter cartridge 1/4 turn counterclockwise (as viewed from the bottom) so that ears on the cartridge are able to disengage from the head. The unlocked symbol will be lined up with the indicator line that is molded into the light shield area. Twist gently until the cartridge is free from the head, but **DO NOT** pull. Avoid tipping the cartridge to prevent spillage. Dispose of the used cartridge.

2. Carefully remove the replacement filter from its packaging. (Read the label carefully to be sure you have the correct replacement filter cartridge).

3. Follow steps 3 through 8 under Initial Filter Cartridge Installation.

### **Periods of Non-Use**

If the refrigerator has been out of use for more than weeks (ie: placed in storage or has been moved), the filter should be replaced when the refrigerator is put back into service.

### **Special Notices**

It is essential that operation, maintenance and filter replacement requirements be carried out as scheduled. This product is for cold-water use only.

Do not use with water that is microbiologically unsafe, or of unknown quality without adequate disinfection before or after the system. Systems certified for cyst reduction may be used on disinfected water that may contain filterable cysts.

For your own knowledge and safety, it is recommended that your water quality be periodically tested.

The contaminants or other substances removed or

**Notes:**

- Leave the refrigerator door open while removing and installing filters or plugs; this will prevent water from flowing through the system and running into the fresh food compartment.
- A newly installed water filter cartridge may cause water to temporarily spurt from the dispenser.

**Food Storage Tips**

- The fresh-food compartment of a refrigerator should be kept between 34°F and 40°F with an optimum temperature of 37°F. To check the temperature, place an appliance thermometer in a glass of water and place in the center of the refrigerator. Check after hours. If the temperature is above 40°F, adjust the controls as explained on page 3.
- Temperatures measured elsewhere in the refrigerator may vary from crisp drawer temperatures (select models) due to location of crisp thermostat.
- Avoid overcrowding the refrigerator shelves. This reduces the circulation of air around the food and

**Fruit and Vegetables**

- Store in the crisp drawers to help preserve the fruit and vegetable quality for longer time periods.
- Sort fruits and vegetables before storage and use bruised or soft items first. Discard those showing signs of decay.
- Always wrap odorous foods such as onions and cabbages so the odor does not transfer to other foods.
- While vegetables need a certain amount of moisture to remain fresh, too much moisture can shorten

**Meat and Cheese**

- Raw meat and poultry should be wrapped securely so leakage and contamination of other foods or surfaces does not occur.
- Occasionally mold will develop on the surface of hard cheeses. Cut off at



- The freezer compartment of a refrigerator should be kept at approximately 0°F. (31:) check the temperature. place an appliance thermometer between the frozen packages and check after 24 hours. If the temperature is above 0°F. adjust the control as described on page 3.
- A freezer operates more efficiently when it is at least two-thirds full.

### **Packaging Foods for Freezing**

- To minimize dehydration and quality deterioration, use aluminum foil, freezer wrap, freezer bags or airtight containers. Force as much air out of the packages as possible and be sure they are tightly sealed. Trapped air can cause the food to dry out, change color and develop an off-flavor (freezer burn).
- Overwrap fresh meats and poultry with suitable
- Do not refreeze meat that has completely thawed.

### **Loading the Freezer**

- Avoid adding too much warm food to the freezer at one time. This overloads the freezer. slows the rate of
- Leave space between the packages so cold air can circulate freely. allowing food to freeze as quickly as possible.
- Avoid storing hard-to-freeze foods such as ice cream and orange juice on the freezer door shelves. These foods are best stored in the freezer interior where

## **Storage and Maintenance of Refrigerator**

### **Vacations**

If you will be gone for a month or less, leave the controls at the usual settings.

During longer absences:

- remove all food.
- shut off the ice maker (if installed) and the valve where you tapped into the water line to supply the refrigerator.
- disconnect the refrigerator from the electrical outlet.
- remove the filter cartridge (select models) and install the filter bypass (see pages 12-13), dispose of the used cartridge. A new cartridge can be installed when the refrigerator is put back into service.

**Note:** Disconnecting power to the refrigerator will suspend the 12-month Countdown for the water filter change reminder (select models)

- clean and dry the refrigerator thoroughly.
- leave the doors open to prevent odors.

## Moving

When moving, follow steps a-f under Vacations. In addition, remove and carefully pack any items that are easily removable. Ship the refrigerator in an upright position with the doors taped shut and shelves secured.

## Refrigerator

There are two light bulbs located at the top of the refrigerator compartment, on the underside of the Dual Cool™ control housing.

To replace a light bulb(s), remove the control cover from the control housing:

- grasp the control cover at the two rear "finger tabs." These are located at the upper rear of the fresh food compartment, behind the light shields.
- pull down slightly to clear the retainer tabs and slide the cover forward until it is free.
- replace the bulb(s) with a 60-watt, standard base appliance bulb(s).
- After replacing the bulb(s), align the control cover on to the ribs on the control housing and slide it straight back until it snaps onto the retainer tabs.

## Freezer

The freezer light is located on the back wall of the freezer compartment.

To replace:

- unhook the tabs on the top of the light shield by pressing in with the thumb on the center top of the light shield.
- pivot the shield down.
- unscrew the bulb when cool and replace it with a standard 40-watt appliance bulb.
- replace the bulb cover by pivoting it back into place and snapping the tabs into the appropriate slots.

## Dispenser Light (dispenser models only)

To replace:

- Locate the light bulb in the dispenser area to the left of the actuator.
- Unscrew the used bulb and remove.
- Replace the bulb, using a 120V, 7-watt bulb.

### Warning

This content is compiled from multiple sources and is provided for reference purposes only. It may not be complete or fully applicable to all situations. If you are unable to resolve your issue, please contact the product manufacturer or an authorized service provider for official support.

