

# HomeCraft Stainless Steel Café Iced Coffee & Tea Brewing System

## Instruction Manual



## SAFETY

Your safety and the safety of others is very important.

We have provided many important safety messages in this manual and on your appliance. Always read and obey all safety messages.

This is the safety alert symbol.

This symbol alerts you to potential hazards that can cause serious injury to you and others.

All safety messages will follow the safety alert symbol.

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.

Appliance Specifications: 120 Volts, 60 Hertz, 700 Watts

**THIS PRODUCT IS FOR USE IN 120V AC OUTLET ONLY.**

Refer to [www.nostalgiaproducts.com/user-manuals/](http://www.nostalgiaproducts.com/user-manuals/) for the most updated manual.

## **IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS**

A person who has not read and understood all operating and safety instructions is not qualified to operate this appliance. All users of this appliance must read and understand this Instruction Manual before operating or cleaning this appliance.

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including:

1. Read all instructions before operating this appliance.
2. DO NOT TOUCH the hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs. Always use hot pads or potholders until unit cools.
3. This appliance is NOT A TOY.
4. Unsupervised young children and cognitively challenged individuals should never operate this appliance.
5. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
6. To protect against electrical shock do not immerse cord, plug or any part of this appliance in water or other liquids.
7. Unplug from outlet when not in use, before removing parts and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off any parts, and before cleaning.
8. DO NOT operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions, or if the appliance has been damaged in any manner. Return the appliance to the nearest repair shop for examination, repair or adjustment.
9. The manufacturer does not recommend the use of accessory attachments other than what is provided by the manufacturer. Use of attachments may cause injuries.
10. DO NOT use the appliance for other than its intended use.
11. DO NOT use outdoors. FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.
12. DO NOT place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
13. DO NOT let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
14. NEVER leave unit unattended while in use or when plugged into an outlet.
15. Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot food.
16. Always attach plug to appliance first, then plug cord in the wall outlet. To disconnect, turn any control to "off," then remove plug from wall outlet.

## **ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS**

### **Operating Safety Precautions**

1. DO NOT refill the water reservoir while the appliance is on. Turn the appliance off and allow to cool before refilling with water.

2. DO NOT place the pitcher on a hot surface or in a heated oven.
3. To prevent risk of injury, ice or cold water must be added to the pitcher before brewing.
4. DO NOT use a cracked pitcher or a pitcher having a loose or weakened handle.
5. DO NOT plug machine in until water has been added to water reservoir.

### **Electrical Cord and Plug Instructions**

1. This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). To reduce the risk of electrical shock, this plug is intended to fit into a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to modify the plug in any way.
2. A short power supply cord is provided to reduce the risk resulting from becoming entangled or tripping over a long cord.
3. If a long detachable power-supply cord or extension cord is used:  
Extension cords can be used if care is exercised in their use. The marked electrical rating of the cord or extension cord should be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance. When using a longer cord or extension cord, make sure that the cord does not drape over a countertop or tabletop where it can be pulled on or tripped over unintentionally.
4. The manufacturer does not recommend using this machine in countries that do not support 120V AC even if a voltage adapter, transformer, or converter is in use.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS!

## **INTRODUCTION**

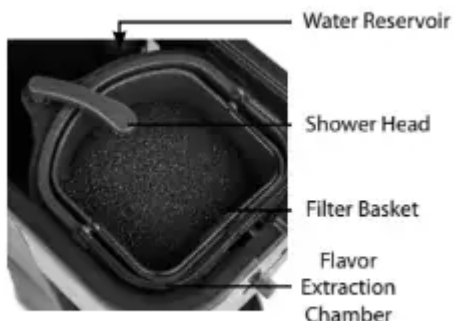
Congratulations on your purchase of the ICED COFFEE & TEA BREWING SYSTEM from HomeCraft! Equipped with a removable filter basket, this system works great with fresh ground coffee beans, tea bags and loose leaf teas, allowing you to brew a variety of iced beverages in just minutes. Enhance the flavor with sweeteners like sugar, lemon and herbs to make delicious tasting iced coffee, iced lattes, iced tea, sweet teas and more!

Features include:

- Brews iced coffee, iced lattes, iced tea, sweet tea and more
- Removable filter basket works with fresh ground coffee, tea bags, and loose leaf teas
- Add sweeteners, lemon, herbs and more to enhance flavors
- Shower head designed for complete saturation and optimal extraction
- Strength selector dial
- 3- quart pitcher with large handle
- Three- position pitcher lid turns for free pouring, pouring with ice guard or closed
- Automatic shut- off when brewing has finished

- Cord hideaway in rear of unit for tidy storage
- Simple push- button to power ON

## PARTS



Before using your ICED COFFEE & TEA BREWING SYSTEM for the first time, carefully check all packaging material before discarding. Some accessory parts may be contained within the packaging material.

Follow the steps under CLEANING & MAINTANCE to clean all parts before operating.

## HOW TO OPERATE

To remove any manufacturing residue in the appliance, we recommend running at least one brew cycle with just water, through the appliance. Follow the instructions in the HOW TO BREW section in this manual, but do not use any tea, coffee, fruit or other ingredients.

MAKE SURE TO FILL THE WATER RESERVOIR BEFORE PLUGGING IN, THEN PRESS THE POWER BUTTON

1. Place the appliance on a dry, level, heat-resistant surface, away from any edge. DO NOT PLUG IN.
2. Fill the pitcher with fresh, cold water to the WATER line marking. Lift the Top Cover and pour water into the Water Reservoir. NOTE: DO NOT exceed MAX water line on inside of Water Reservoir. If too much water is poured into the Water Reservoir, it will overflow into the Filter Basket and down the back of the body of the unit.
3. Set the Flavor Extraction Chamber in place.
4. Place your coffee grounds, tea bags or loose tea in the Flavor Extraction Chamber according to the Coffee & Tea Measurement Guide below. You may tweak the measurement suggestions to fit your personal taste and strength preference.

Coffee & Tea Measurement Guide (Makes 2 Quarts)	
Tea Bags (regular size)	6 to 9 bags (2g)
Tea Bags (family size)	2 to 3 bags (6-7g)
Loose Tea	1 to 3 tablespoons, depending on type
Green Tea Bags (regular size)	6 to 9 bags
Herbal Tea Bags (regular size)	6 to 9 bags
Ground Coffee	8 to 12 tablespoons

GROUND COFFEE: Fill the Filter Basket with coffee grounds and place into the Flavor Extraction Chamber.

LOOSE TEA: Fill the Filter Basket with loose tea and place into the Flavor Extraction Chamber.

TEA BAGS: Fill the Filter Basket with tea bags and place into the Flavor Extraction Chamber.

SWEETENED TEA: Place a basket-style coffee filter into the Flavor Extraction Chamber, then add tea bags or loose tea, and up to 1 cup of sugar into the coffee filter. Some sugar may remain in the Flavor Extraction Chamber after the brew cycle has completed, this is normal. Sugar dissolves better with loose tea than bag tea. The Filter Basket is not used when making sweet tea.

1. Close the Top Cover.
2. Adjust the Brew Strength Selector Dial to your desired strength (1 = mild to 8 = strong).
3. Fill the Pitcher with ice cubes to the ICE line marking. NOTE: If you want to use cold water in place of ice, fill the Pitcher with water to the WATER line marking.



4. Place the Pitcher on the Drip Tray. Your beverage can be brewed with or without the Pitcher Lid in place.
5. Plug the electrical cord into a nearby outlet, then press the Power Button. The Indicator Light will illuminate to let you know the appliance is on.

**IMPORTANT:** When pressed, the Power Button only starts the brewing process, but does NOT function as an "OFF" button. To turn the unit off mid-brew cycle, simply unplug the appliance.

**NOTE:** Unplugging the appliance will NOT immediately empty the water from the Flavor Extraction Chamber. Allow several minutes for water to flow into the Pitcher before removing from Drip Tray.

1. Once the brew cycle starts, the appliance will automatically brew all the water from the Water Reservoir before turning off.

**IMPORTANT:** DO NOT attempt to press the Power Button to interrupt or stop the brewing cycle. The Power Button does not function as an "OFF" button. Repeatedly pressing the Power Button could damage the appliance. To stop brewing process unplug unit from outlet.

1. When the brewing cycle is complete, remove the pitcher from the Drip Tray. Place the Pitcher Lid on the Pitcher to serve or to store beverage for later.
2. After the appliance has cooled, open the Top Cover and remove the Filter Basket and Flavor Extraction Chamber. Discard the used coffee, tea leaves or tea bags. Thoroughly rinse the Filter Basket and Flavor Extraction Chamber in warm water.

## **HELPFUL TIPS**

### **BREW STRENGTH**

The Coffee & Tea Measurement Guide merely provides suggested measurements. You may tweak the measurement suggestions to fit your personal taste and strength preference. Use the Brew Strength Selector Dial to fine tune your preferences, and consider using less or more than the suggested measurements to further suit your preferences.

Keep in mind that certain types of tea, especially green and herbal teas, may require additional amounts to achieve your desired strength and flavor.

### **BREWING SLOWLY / NOT BREWING**

If the brew cycle doesn't start immediately after pressing the Power Button, or if attempting to brew multiple batches, unplug the appliance from the electrical outlet and allow to cool for 15 minutes before attempting to brew again.

Check to be sure the appliance is plugged in and that the Water Reservoir has been filled with cold water.

Lastly, to avoid the buildup of mineral deposits that slow the drip of your appliance, it is recommended to use distilled water when brewing. Over time, minerals, such as calcium and limestone will leave deposits in your coffee maker and affect its performance.

## **BEVERAGE TASTES BAD**

A clean appliance is essential for making great-tasting coffee. Regularly clean your appliance as specified under CLEANING & MAINTENANCE.

For optimum coffee taste, buy whole coffee beans and finely grind them just before brewing. Pre-ground coffee grounds should be stored in an airtight container in a cool, dry place.

Tea may become bitter if not using the correct amount of tea or tea bags. If you find your tea is too bitter, adjust the Brew Strength Selector Dial to a lower number. You may also want to adjust the amount of loose tea or tea bags used to further suit your preferences.

## **GROUNDS ARE IN THE COFFEE**

Be sure that you are using the Reusable Filter Basket when making iced coffee. Without the Filter Basket in place, grounds may filter into the Pitcher.

Check that the Filter Basket is properly seated in the Flavor Extraction Chamber. If filter is not properly seated, coffee grounds may spill over the lip of the Filter Basket and into the brewed coffee.

## **CLOUDY/MILKY-LOOKING TEA**

The hardness of the water used to brew your iced tea, along with quickly chilling hot tea over ice can cause clouding. Avoid this by allowing the tea to sit on the counter to cool to room temperature before placing in the refrigerator. To prevent your tea from cooling rapidly, substitute cold tap water in place of ice cubes.

NOTE: If you want to use cold water in place of ice, fill the Pitcher with water to the WATER line marking.

## **CLEANING & MAINTENANCE**

### **Daily Cleaning**

1. Make sure appliance is turned off, unplugged and completely cooled before cleaning.
2. Remove the Filter Basket and Flavor Extraction Chamber, and wash them in warm, soapy water. Dry parts thoroughly.
3. Using a slightly damp, non-abrasive sponge, towel or cloth, wipe the exterior surface of the appliance. Wipe with a non-abrasive towel to dry.

4. Use a damp cloth to gently wipe the surface of the Drip Tray. Never use abrasive cleaners to clean the Drip Tray.

NOTE: To protect against electrical shock and damaging the appliance, do not immerse the cord, plug or unit in any liquid. Never place any parts in the dishwasher. Always wash by hand.

## **Mineral Deposits / Decalcifying**

Minerals found in water, such as calcium and limestone, will leave deposits in your appliance and affect its performance. To keep your unit operating efficiently, it is recommended that you regularly remove these deposits.

The frequency is dependent upon whether you are using hard or soft water, and how often you brew.

### **Suggested Decalcifying Interval**

Soft water: Every 80 Brew Cycles

Hard Water: Every 40 Brew Cycles

1. Using a store-bought descaler, fill the Water Reservoir to the MAX level with a solution of water and descaler in accordance with the descaler instructions.
2. Place the Filter Basket (without tea, coffee, fruit or other ingredients) into the Flavor Extraction Chamber, close the Top Cover, and place the Pitcher onto the Drip Tray.
3. Press the Power Button. The Indicator Light will illuminate and begin the brewing cycle.
4. When finished brewing, unplug the unit.
5. Allow the solution to sit for 15 minutes, then discard the solution. Repeat steps 1-4 one more time.
6. Finally, rinse the unit by operating with only water and repeat at least three times to ensure all of the solution has cycled through the unit.

## **RECIPES**

To enhance the flavor of your iced beverage, choose from a variety of fruits, vegetables and herbs to create an even more thirst quenching drink! Simply add your flavor enhancers to the Flavor Extraction Chamber or right into the Pitcher to add a subtle burst of flavor.

IMPORTANT! Be sure to use a coffee filter in the Flavor Extraction Chamber when using dry ingredients, like sugar or mocha powder.

Try some these fun flavor enhancers:

Milk

Cocoa Powder

Fresh Berries, sliced or crushed

Fresh Basil

Orange Slices  
Lemon Slices  
Cinnamon Sticks  
Cucumber Slices  
Rosemary Sprigs  
Mint Leaves  
Lavender  
Whole Cloves  
And more!

## **RETURNS & WARRANTY**

SHOULD YOUR UNIT NOT WORK OR IF DAMAGED WHEN YOU FIRST TAKE IT OUT OF THE BOX, PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE PLACE OF PURCHASE IMMEDIATELY.

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Please read the operating instructions carefully. Failure to comply with the operating instructions will void this warranty.

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