



My First Home in Denmark

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Dishwasher Cleaning/Maintenance

You need to put a dishwasher salt and rinse aid ("afspændingsmiddel") in your dishwasher for it to work properly. Look for salt that is labeled "salt til opvaskemaskiner" at your grocery store. There is a specific tank in the bottom of the dishwasher where you pour the salt in until it is full. Fill up the rinse aid compartment that is next to where you pour the soap in. You will need to refill the salt approximately every 3 months and the rinse aid when the indication light comes on your machine.



Fill up rinse aid



Fill up salt

You will find a wide range of different rinse aid products in the grocery stores. However, please note that some of the "cheap" products do not leave your glasses, knives and forks shiny. Therefore, we recommend buying some of the "expensive" products regularly, i.e. from Neophos.



Remember also to rinse the filter – It is placed next to the salt container.



Removing Lime Scale

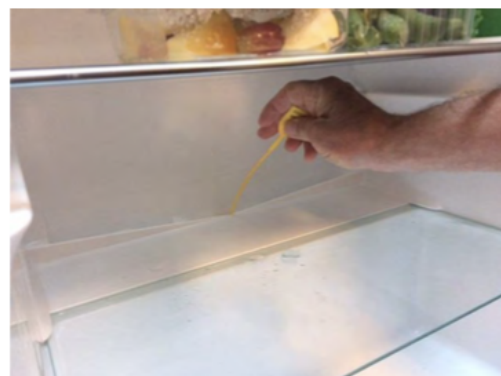
You have to periodically clean the lime scale build-up from your faucets and showerheads for optimal use.

Remove the aerators from faucets and place them in a bowl of vinegar and water overnight to clean. Showerheads can similarly be cleaned by placing them in a bowl of vinegar and water, or by filling a plastic bag with vinegar and tying it around the showerhead.



Cleaning Refrigerator

The back of your refrigerator needs to be cleaned periodically to prevent ice from forming in the refrigerator and the freezer. The back wall of your refrigerator will have a small hole and a small plastic stick for cleaning out the hole. If your fridge doesn't have a built-in stick, you can use a wire tie or similar object. Also be sure to not place food items too far back in the fridge so they touch the back wall as this will also encourage ice build-up.



Cleaning Appliance Filters

Be sure to clean the filters in your washing machine and dryer periodically. The filters in the washing machine and dryer can be removed and rinsed in the shower or the sink.



Condenser Dryers

If you have a condenser dryer, water from the machine will be collected in a tank at the top of the machine. This tank needs to be emptied after each use.



Cleaning Ceramic Cooker

Clean the cook top surface when it is completely cool using carefully a razor blade scraper. Use white vinegar (“eddike” in Danish) if the smudge remains and rinse.

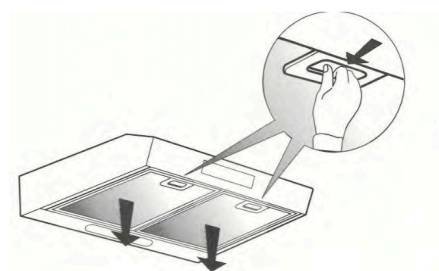


Apply a small amount of ceramic glass cleaner (“glaskeramisk rens/kogepladerens”) with a damp cloth and remove with a dry cloth.



Cleaning Cooker Hood Exhaust Filters

Most cooker hoods have a filter you can remove and clean. Maintaining the filter improves their effectiveness and reduces fire hazards. Approximately once a month you should remove the filters and clean them. Letting the filters go uncleaned for extended periods of time can cause grease to build up and make them extremely difficult to get clean.



“Solid-type” filters

The solid-type filters shown to the right are designed to be removed and placed directly in the dishwasher (if they fit). They are best cleaned in a dishwasher without dirty dishes as food items and crumbs will stick to the filter.

Oven Cleaning

Some ovens have a self-cleaning program. Look in the oven manual from your landlord or do a Google search using the E-number (on top of oven door) and product name.

If your oven does not have a self-cleaning program, you can clean the oven manually using “ovn- og grillrens”. Most grocery stores sell the product at DKK 20.00 or below. Follow the instructions – Repeat the “cleaning” several times if the oven and plates are very dirty. It pays off to leave the product soak on the plates and oven for several hours ☺



Cleaning Floors

It is important that you use the right cleaning products for your floors. Ask your landlord which products he/she recommends. In the grocery stores you will find a wide selection of cleaning products. Products from “Probat” are a good choice for most floors. However, you can also use soap flakes (“sæbespånar”) or brown soap (“brun sæbe”) – Both cheaper products than “Probat”.

Remember to read the packaging/instructions carefully and make sure you are using the correct cleaning product for your floors; lacquered, oiled, marble, terrazzo or white wood floors.



Bathroom

You can easily remove lime scale from your toilet using “WC Rens” or “toilet tabs” – Drop a tablet in your toilet and let it dissolve. Remember to use liquid toilet cleaning products periodically.



Drains

Drains should be kept clear to work as efficiently as possible. Blocked or smelly drains can be easily fixed by removing the grate (with a screwdriver if necessary), and remove the filter. Empty the filter contents into the garbage and clean the filter and grate.



Electrical Guide

In case of power outages try to check if your neighbours have any power as it might be the whole area that has a power outage. Check if the Ground Fault Interrupter (GFCI) is switched off inside your electrical cabinet and has cut all the power. If no response on the main switch on the GFCI, a fuse might have blown due to too many electrical appliances running at the same time.

If the GFCI is switched off and it looks as if it is only you that is affected by a power outage, try to follow these steps:

- Switch off all the breakers. o Switch on the main GFCI switch again.
- One by one switch the breakers on again until the GFCI again switches off. You now know this is the breaker where there is a problem.
- Switch off all appliances within this group. (E.g. if this breaker group is the kitchen, then switch off the oven, microwave, electrical kettle, etc.)
- Now switch on the group breaker again and try to switch on the appliances one at a time until the GFCI switches off again.

The appliance that switches the GFCI off might be faulty. If you suspect this, remove it and contact your landlord.

Adjusting Radiator Thermostats

Most people prefer room temperatures of between 17-23°C (63-73° Fahrenheit). To achieve this temperature, set your thermostat at 2.5 on the dial. This way most radiators will adjust according to the outside temperature.

If you notice that your radiators are not working properly (not producing heat or they are emitting gurgling noises), please let your landlord know and he/she will come and bleed air out of the radiators for you and check if the thermostat is working properly.

