

A GUIDE TO DEFROSTING YOUR FREEZER

Over time a layer of ice can build up on the inside of freezers. This will reduce the efficiency of the appliance, in turn adding to your electricity bill and also making it difficult to get food in and out.



1) Turn off and unplug the appliance, then remove all food and internal fittings from the inside of your freezer. Placing the frozen food in a special freezer bag will keep the food frozen while you defrost your appliance. Place towels around the base to soak up any water as the ice melts.

2) Fill a suitable flat bottomed bowl with just boiled water. *Take care when using hot water as it can cause burns so please treat with caution.*





3) Carefully place the bowl into the freezer, dip a cloth in the hot water and dab it on the ice. This accelerates the defrosting process.

4) You can use a purpose made ice scraper to shift stubborn chunks of ice.
An ice scraper is usually supplied with your appliance from new.



DO NOT USE SHARP OBJECTS SUCH AS KNIVES, FORKS, SCREWDRIVERS ETC, AS THIS CAN DAMAGE THE FREEZER CAVITY AND CAUSE THE LOSS OF REFRIGERANT GAS WHICH WILL RENDER YOUR APPLIANCE USELESS AND IRREPARABLE.

While the appliance is defrosting, now would be a good time to clean the ice trays and shelves you removed earlier by using a little warm soapy water.

While periodically checking the appliance as it is defrosting, replace the water with just boiled water if necessary and replace the towels around the base if soaked through.

When the last bit of ice has gone, wipe out the insides of the freezer with a clean damp cloth, install the internal shelving and switch on the appliance.

Consult your user manual for how long the freezer needs to be run before filling up with food.

User manuals are available from

www.smeg-service.co.uk/support



An ice cube tray



A freezer drawer front

Parts are available from

www.smeg-service.co.uk/shop