

End-of-Season Appliance Checklist for Florida Homes

Quick tasks for the fridge, laundry, dishwasher, and range before the humid season sets in

Before you travel or the house sits empty

1 Refrigerator and freezer

Decide whether to leave it running at a normal setting or empty it out, since a closed fridge with no power for an extended stretch can develop odor and mildew.

2 Washer and dishwasher

Run a final cycle, wipe the gaskets dry, and leave the door propped open so the drum and tub can air out.

3 Water and gas supply

Ask a professional whether shutting off supply lines to unused appliances makes sense for your specific home.

If you will still be around

1 Check door seals and gaskets

Humidity finds any gap in a seal faster during the wettest months, so a quick check now saves a bigger issue later.

2 Clean condenser coils and vents

Dust and lint buildup makes appliances work harder in the heat, whether it is a fridge coil or a dryer vent.

3 Test the dishwasher and washer drains

Slow drains tend to get worse, not better, once daily use ramps back up.

Questions to ask before storm season

1 Should appliances stay plugged in during a storm

Ask a licensed electrician or your utility what they recommend for your specific setup.

2 What happens if the power goes out for several days

Talk through food safety and appliance restart steps with a professional or your utility ahead of time, not during the storm.

3 Is anything showing early wear

A quick assessment now is easier to schedule than an emergency call once the season is in full swing.

A few checks now, whether the house stays busy or sits empty, make the return to full use a lot smoother.

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