fridge/freezer audit

**Make and model:**

**Age:**

[**Energy rating**](https://www.energyrating.gov.au/products/refrigeration-domestic)**:**

**FRIDGE CHECKLIST**

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| **Check the surrounding space.**  There should be 5cm around the top, sides and back for air to circulate. |  |
| **Check the door seals.**  Use warm soapy water to gently clean any dirt off the door seal. Stick a piece of paper in different positions around the door. If the paper pulls out easily when the door is closed, you’ll be losing air through gaps and need to replace the seals. |  |
| **Vacuum the condenser coils.**  Access the condenser coils from the back (pull your refrigerator away from the wall) or from the bottom front (remove the grill). Use a vacuum or bristle brush to clean the coils every few months, especially if you have a pet that sheds. |  |
| **Check the temperature.**  For optimum efficiency, keep your fridge set to between 3 and 5 degrees, and your freezer\* between -15 and -18°C. |  |
| **Check the built-up of ice.**  If it’s greater than 0.5cm, defrosting is required as your freezer will be working overtime. |  |

**FREEZER CHECKLIST**

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| Transfer food to another freezer and compost items beyond their used-by date. |  |
| Put cloths down to absorb water. |  |
| Remove excess ice with a cloth or rubber scraper. |  |
| Turn off the freezer and leave the door open for 24 hours. |  |
| Wipe out the freezer with warm water and baking soda to absorb odours. Add a few splashes of vanilla essence for an extra fresh smell. |  |
| Close doors, restart the freezer and allow it to reach the desired temperature before adding food back again. |  |