

Refrigerator Fresh

What do you do to keep your refrigerator smelling fresh between camping trips? Some folks keep both doors open after unloading the food, wipe down the freezer frost after it has thawed, and then walk away from the open doors until their next trip. Using this method prevents the development of odors in the refrigerator, but the doors are in the walkway space every time you go past them until the next outing. Since we have not addressed this topic recently, a reminder seems appropriate.

Marion Coster, WBCCI #2801, suggests unloading all food, then placing several paper towels in the freezer and refrigerator to soak up moisture, then closing both doors and walking away. The next morning she opens the doors and uses the paper towels to finish drying the refrigerator. Finally she takes regular newspapers, balls an appropriate amount of sheets to cantaloupe size, and fills both the refrigerator and freezer compartments with this newspaper. She finishes by closing both doors.

When ready to reuse the refrigerator again, she unloads the paper and the refrigerator smells absolutely fresh. The paper has soaked up any remaining moisture from the last trip, and the ink and paper leave a refreshingly clean scent. In addition the magnetized rubber gasket on each door seems to respond better to being in the closed position between trips. Since the price is right, she recommends you give it a try!