

CARE AND CLEANING

DESCALING YOUR KETTLE



Descaling or decalcifying refers to removing mineral deposits which may form on the interior of the kettle and result in discoloration. For best results, decalcify your kettle from time to time; frequency will depend on the hardness of your water and how often you use your unit.

Steps for Cleaning

- 1 Fill the kettle up to half or three quarter level with equal parts water and white vinegar.
- 2 Bring the solution to a boil.
- 3 Turn off the kettle and unplug the cord from the wall outlet.
- 4 Let the vinegar-water mix sit in the kettle for 15-20 minutes, then pour it out and rinse your kettle.
- 5 Wipe the inside of the kettle with a clean cloth and let it dry completely.
- 6 After drying, boil plain water in the kettle to remove any possible remaining aftertaste and discard the water.

If there is a lingering vinegar smell, boil water in the kettle a few times. If there is a lot of scaling to be removed, use a stronger vinegar mixture and leave it in the kettle for an hour or up to overnight. You can also scrub the inside of the kettle with a non-metallic pad, being careful to avoid the heating element.

Note: Reheating tea in your kettle may result in bronze colored tea stains on the stainless steel surface at the base of the kettle. After a few cycles, the surface of the stainless base may begin to turn a bronze color.

To avoid tea-staining, do not reheat the same pot of tea twice and always rinse the inside of your kettle before each brew. To remove the stains, dilute a small amount of white vinegar with a full kettle of water and boil. After boiling, allow to cool and thoroughly wash and dry before next use.

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TIPS

- ✓ Leaving extra water in your kettle after use is not a good practice as standing water can leave more mineral deposits. Make sure to empty your electric kettle completely after every use. It is best to boil only the amount of water you require.
- ✓ To prevent or at least slow down the buildup of mineral deposits in your kettle, consider using a limescale catcher.
- ✓ Clean your electric kettle exterior at least once a week and descale the interior about once a month, or every few months, depending on your frequency of use.