

Common Freezer Mistakes Checklist (Jacksonville)

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The five mistakes to avoid

1 Guessing the temperature

Use a standalone thermometer and hold 0 degrees Fahrenheit. Do not trust the dial.

2 Overpacking or running empty

Aim for about three-quarters full and keep the vents clear.

3 Ignoring the door seal

Do the dollar-bill test and wipe the gasket clean every couple of months.

4 Letting frost build up

Defrost manual units at a quarter-inch; never chip ice with a sharp tool.

5 Keeping it in a hot garage

Use a garage-rated model and keep the coils clean if it must live in the heat.

When habits are not enough

1 Nonstop running

If it never cycles off, have the seal and defrost system checked.

2 Heavy frost on a frost-free unit

Points to a door seal or defrost fault, not a defrosting schedule.

3 Sweating around the door

A failing gasket letting humid air in; replace it before ice builds.

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