



# Cooling Appliances

When you get ready to go shopping for new cooling appliances like refrigerators, wine coolers, and freezers, you may need a little help choosing the right one. The questions below are a good way to help you narrow your options and make the right choices. Consider printing out this questionnaire and taking it along with you when you shop.



# Shopping for Cooling Appliances: Questions to Ask Yourself

1. If I will be placing my new appliances in the same place as my current ones, what are the dimensions of the area where I will be placing them? If I intend to move my appliances, what size area do I have?
2. As far as capacity, what type of interior space will I want? Will I have a large number of people making use of the refrigerator or will it just be a small group?
3. Will I be installing my refrigerator in a new space? If so, will I be able to open the doors on all surrounding cabinets with ease? Will the doors on the refrigerator open properly?
4. What type of doors do I prefer for my new refrigerator? Would I like doors that open on the right or on the left? Or, would I prefer a side by side appliance? Am I interested in a unit with the freezer on the bottom?
5. Am I working with a small space? Do I need to consider a compact or portable refrigerator? Would one that installs under a cabinet work better?
6. Am I interested in appliances that will conserve electricity or water? Am I willing to pay more in order to save money on future utilities?
7. Am I interested in keeping large amounts of pre-prepared frozen meals? Will I need a large freezer to accommodate this?
8. Would I be interested in a drawer refrigerator or one that fits under the counter? Would I want one of these to accommodate large amounts of space or to provide accessibility for children?
9. Am I looking to create a certain look in my kitchen? A professional look would include stainless steel appliances and a traditional look would include paneled and concealing doors. Would I prefer a retro style with unique, retro designed appliances?
10. Am I interested in a beverage center or a wine chiller? Would I want this in the kitchen, a den, or even an outdoor room?
11. What types of features do I want for my refrigerator? Do I want an ice maker, a water dispenser, door dispensers, or a water filter unit?
12. What types of compartments do I need for my refrigerator? Do I want specialty shelving, climate control compartments, or wine holders?