



Smart Refrigerator Buying Guide Quick Reference Handout

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What is a smart refrigerator

A smart refrigerator has built-in Wi-Fi to connect to a home network. This is for, at the very least, remote troubleshooting and at the most, for music, voice assistant support, calendars, and more. Some have a touchscreen on the front for surfing the web, watching videos, leaving digital notes, and more.

Some of the most notable smart refrigerators include the Samsung Galaxy Hub, LG InstaView with ThinQ, Whirlpool energy efficient fridges with rapid cooling, and Café fridges with voice assistance.

Key features of a smart refrigerator and what to look for

Ease of connectivity – They should easily connect to the Internet, and to an app on your phone for remote control and management.

Touchscreen – A built-in touchscreen can be used for watching videos, surfing the web, viewing calendars, leaving messages and notes for family members, managing grocery and to-do lists, and more.

Voice assistant integration – With voice, even without a touchscreen, you can get replies to queries, add items to grocery lists, queue up music, and more.

Internal cameras – These let you see inside from a smartphone app no matter where you are so you know what you need to buy, and what you don't.



Smart home integration – Some can communicate with other smart home devices, like a TV or smart oven, so it works as part of your overall smart home system.

Temperature control – Keeping food fresher, longer, you can individually control temperature zones and keep different foods at their ideal temperature.

Door alarms – This warns when the door has been accidentally left open but also if it is left open for too long.

Integrated apps – Typically with touchscreens, a smart fridge also works with third-party apps for things like music streaming, games, calendars, and more.

Smart defrost and cooling – You can easily defrost the freezer with the push of a button.

Built-in water and ice dispenser – Get filtered water and ice, including cubed, crushed, and even with some, sphere-shaped, right from the fridge, reducing your reliance on bottled water.

Expiration date tracking – Keep track of the expiration dates of food and receive alerts to keep you informed, helping reduce waste.

Why would you need a smart refrigerator?

If you have a busy lifestyle – A smart refrigerator can serve as a hub of the home advising of schedules and appointments, helping with recipes, giving traffic updates, and more.

It can help reduce food waste - Not only do smart refrigerators feature technologies designed to help keep food fresher, longer, features like internal cameras and expiration date tracking further assist in reducing food waste.

Convenient, hands-free access – Get things like measurement conversions, queue up a music playlist, pause a recipe video, and more, all using your voice.

Helps streamline cooking – View instructional cooking videos on the touchscreen and add items to the grocery list on the fly using voice commands.



Entertainment value – Smart refrigerators are cool and make it simple to play music in the kitchen, share jokes and daily pick-me-ups, and more.

Sleek design – Typically in the French door style, smart refrigerators are sleek and modern in design with plenty of space to accommodate all your groceries.

What type of household would benefit most from a smart refrigerator?

Tech-savvy family – A high-tech family will appreciate a smart refrigerator that's like a smart assistant in the kitchen.

Busy family – A smart fridge is like a high-tech version of a whiteboard or kitchen calendar that busy families can leverage.

Large families – Keeping up with the schedules of multiple people in the home is easy with a smart fridge that can advise of appointments and/or ensure that food is kept fresh and fully replenished.

Environmentally conscious families – All smart refrigerators are also energy efficient by design and include tons of smart cooling features that's further designed to maximize energy use.

What else to consider when choosing a smart refrigerator

See our detailed Refrigerator Buying Guide for more details on how to choose the right fridge in general, including sizing, style, finish, considerations about the types of foods you most often eat, and more.