



Appliances Buying Guide Quick Reference Handout

Use this guide to make informed decisions, whether upgrading, gifting, or simply enhancing your living space with efficient and versatile appliances.

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1. Major Appliances

They offer seamless cooking with advanced ovens, versatile refrigerators, and intuitive dishwashers that transform your kitchen into a culinary haven.

1.1 Ovens and Ranges

Size, style, fuel source (gas/electric), and types of cooking surfaces are key considerations. Dual-fuel ranges combine gas cooktop precision with even electric oven heating. Convection setting enhances baking quality. Look for extra burners for multitasking and double ovens for cooking variety. Opt for modern innovations with features like built-in air fry functions, sous vide, even cameras and AI cooking technology.

1.2 Refrigerators

Prioritize size for space and family needs. Innovative designs like five-door and French door options offer easy access and storage solutions. Door-in-door models minimize cold air loss. Choose freezer placement based on accessibility. Consider refrigerators with top/bottom freezers, matching your usage patterns, new counter-depth models or even new standard depth refrigerators that have been re-engineered to offer more interior space. The latest models have high-tech smarts, too.

1.3 Dishwashers

Decide between built-in or portable options. Look for third rack features for utensils and efficient quick wash cycles. Quieter models are ideal for households with early/late dishwasher use. Prioritize ultra-quiet operation for peace in baby-filled homes. Tub materials are an important consideration, too.

2. Laundry Appliances



Top/front-loading washers offer varied accessibility. Match drum sizes with dryers for effective laundry. Opt for high efficiency, Energy Star-certified models for energy savings. Quiet washing and drying are essential for upper-level laundry spaces. Dryers offer useful features like wrinkle prevention and quick cycles. All-in-one combos are the latest trend, washing and drying efficiently in the same machine to save time, energy, and effort. For dryers, take note of heat pump or condenser options, which each has its own advantages and disadvantages.

3. Cleaning and wellness appliances

Embrace a healthier lifestyle with air purifiers, vacuums, and wellness devices that ensure a pristine living environment for you and your loved ones.

3.1 Cooling and heating devices

Choose cooling and heating devices based on room size and temperature needs. Hybrid devices provide year-round comfort. Tower fans offer targeted cooling in specific areas. Opt for size-appropriate units for efficient cooling/heating. Weigh the pros and cons among portable or window air conditioners.

3.2 Air purifiers and humidifiers/dehumidifiers

Prioritize air quality with air purifiers featuring HEPA filters. Multiple filter layers improve effectiveness. Choose models with mobile app integration for real-time air quality monitoring and remote control. For balanced humidity levels, use humidifiers for dry climates and dehumidifiers for humid areas.

3.3 Vacuum cleaners and floor care

Choose vacuum types based on cleaning needs. Stick vacuums are lightweight and versatile, while canister vacuums offer power. Upright vacuums combine stick vacuum ease with corded power. Robot vacuums offer automated maintenance, with the latest models even doing double duty as robotic wet mops as well. Steam cleaners provide sparkling floor finishes without harsh chemicals. Consider space, maintenance requirements, and smart connectivity.

4. Small appliances for your home and great gifts

Explore a range of compact kitchen marvels, from multifunctional stand mixers to efficient blenders, offering both convenience and the perfect gift-giving solutions for any occasion.

4.1 Cooking enthusiast's essentials

Equip your kitchen with stand mixers for effortless baking, multicookers for diverse meals, and air fryers for healthier cooking options.

4.2 Healthier lifestyle appliances

Embrace health with blenders for smoothies, juicers for fresh juices, and soda machines for



homemade carbonated drinks.

4.3 Kitchen basics and convenience

Microwaves offer time-saving reheating and cooking. Toaster ovens replace microwaves for toasting and baking. Coffee makers save money on café visits.

4.4 Unique and specialized appliances

Tailor gifts with soda machines for beverages, multicookers for simplified meals, and specialized appliances like popcorn makers, ice cream machines, or baby food makers.