

★ COUNTRY ★ Connections

Information and Tips for the Rural Homeowner

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Welcome to *Country Connections*, the quarterly publication of Country Mortgages by AgChoice FC. This newsletter was designed to provide you with information and tips for rural living. We appreciate the relationship we have with you as a customer. If you, a friend or a neighbor, are planning to buy rural property, land or a farmette, please give us a call so we can help you meet these special needs.

WHEN (AND HOW) TO REPLACE YOUR REFRIGERATOR

Unless the refrigerator stops running, you might not know if it's time to replace it. A simple clue - if your refrigerator's color has 'harvest' or 'avocado' in its name, you're probably overdue for a new one.

When you're looking for a new unit, Kenmore Genius and mommy blogger Amy Clark say to think about the four Cs in refrigeration:



Capacity: Check the "cubic-foot capacity" which is the height, length and width of every part of a refrigerator. The higher the capacity, the more space you have.

Convenience:

- Bottom freezer units typically have more space for fresh foods, but the freezer tends to be smaller. Refrigerators with top freezer configuration are typically more affordable and make it easy to find what you're looking for.
- Side-by-side refrigerators have large freezer spaces and make it easier to find frozen items, while the narrower shelves limit the size of items for storing.
- French door refrigerators have two doors for the refrigerator compartment with a freezer below. These can easily store larger items like party trays, and pull-out freezer drawers often feature two levels of storage.

Consumption: Top-mounted freezers use 10 to 25 percent less energy than other freezer models. French door refrigerators tend to be more energy efficient because you can open a single door as needed instead of an entire compartment. Keep in mind that the larger the refrigerator, the more energy it will use.

Color:

- White is often the most affordable.
- Black is very affordable, but not for every kitchen design.
- Stainless steel is sleek and timeless, but shows fingerprints and does not accept magnets.
- Metallic finishes show fewer fingerprints and cost less than stainless steel.

To learn more, use the "Help Me Choose" tool at www.kenmore.com.

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