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# Household Cleaning

## The Gas Range

### A Clean Range

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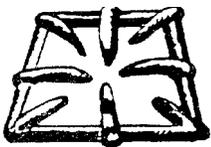
- Makes meal preparation easier.
- Reduce germs and discourages bugs.
- Keeps the range working and lasting longer.

### Not All Ranges Are Alike

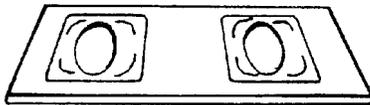
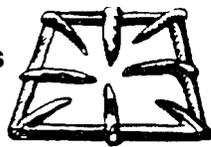
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Read and use the book that came with your range. It should explain the parts of the range and any special features of your range.

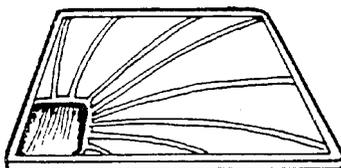
#### Parts of the Range



Grates

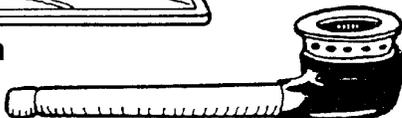


Burner Bowls



Broiler Pan

Burners



### Clean Outside of the Range

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- Let your range cool before you clean the outside. Use warm, soapy water and a soft cloth. Rinse and dry it.
- Don't wash the outside of the range while it is warm. This might make it crack.
- Vinegar, milk and fruit juices can make dull spots on your range. Clean them off as soon as you spill them. If the range is warm, use a dry cloth or paper to do this.
- Don't use soap pads or scouring powders to clean your range. They may scratch it.

### Clean Control Knobs and Metal Trim

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- Rub the metal trim with a soft, damp cloth. Shine it with a soft, dry cloth.
- Some control knobs pull straight off. You can wash them in warm, soapy water. Some don't come off. Wipe these clean with a damp cloth.

## Clean Grates and Burner Bowls

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- Take off the grates and burner bowls. Wash in warm, soapy water. If they are hard to clean, mix 1 cup of vinegar and 1 gallon of very warm water.
- Put the grates and burner bowls in mixture. Soak about 30 minutes.
- Wash with a cloth or old brush. Rinse with clear, warm water and dry.

## Clean Burners

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- Clean when burners are cool.
- Take the burners out. To do this, first take off the grates and burner bowls. Lift the range top. Lift the burner heads at the back and pull out.
- Soak the burners in hot, soapy water.
- While the burners soak, clean the place below the burners. Take out the drip pans if your range has them. Wash in warm, soapy water. Rinse and dry.
- Now clean the burners with a cloth or brush.
- If the holes in the burner heads are stopped up, clean them with a fine wire, a hair pin or a paper clip. Do not use wooden sticks. They might break off in the burner.
- Rinse the burners in hot water. Put them upside down in a warm oven (300 degrees) to dry. Let dry about 15 minutes. If water is left in the burner, it may not light or the flame may be uneven.
- Be sure you put burners back the way they were. If the range has a pilot light, and it goes out, light it with a match.\*

\* **Safety tip:** Follow the directions for lighting your pilot light. If the pilot light goes out often, call a service representative to have it checked.

## Clean Broiler Pan

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- The broiler pan should be cleaned after each use. Take the broiler pan out of the range as soon as you are through with broiling.
- Pour the grease out before it gets hard.
- Put the grill in the pan and put a little soap or detergent on the grill. Pour hot water over the grill into the pan.
- Let the pan and grill stand about 30 minutes. Wash, rinse and dry them.

## Clean the Oven

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Clean the oven each time you use it.

- Turn the oven off and let cool.
- Wipe any crumbs and spilled food out of the oven with a damp cloth. Wipe the oven door. Once in a while, thoroughly clean burned food off the oven walls.
- Pour about 1/2 cup of household ammonia in a bowl.
- Place the bowl in the cold oven.
- Leave the oven door closed about 4 hours or overnight.
- Take the bowl out of the oven.
- Take the racks out and wash them.
- Add the ammonia in the bowl to 1 quart of warm water. Dip a cloth in this. Clean the oven and oven door with it.
- Wash the oven and oven door with a cloth dipped in warm, soapy water. Rinse them with clear water. Wipe them dry.

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**Avoid Accidents: Keep ammonia out of the reach of children.**

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