

Protecting your appliances near White Rock and Semiahmoo Bay

Seasonal checklist

- 1

Check fridge and freezer door seals

Run a finger along the full loop every few months. Look for stiffness or cracking.
- 2

Inspect washer and dryer for early rust

Check back corners and the base of the machine, not just the front.
- 3

Wipe and dry stove and range hood metal

Dry surfaces fully rather than letting water evaporate on its own.
- 4

Confirm exterior vent caps close properly

A vent that won't seal lets damp outside air drift back in.
- 5

Manage indoor humidity

Use the range hood when cooking, run the bathroom fan, and consider a dehumidifier in a laundry room with a window.

Common mistakes to avoid

- A

Leaving windows open near appliances during onshore wind

It feels like fresh air, but it carries salt-laden moisture onto nearby metal.
- B

Cleaning stainless steel with anything abrasive

Scouring pads scratch the protective finish.
- C

Ignoring a stiff door seal

The seal protects more than it looks like it does.

Questions to ask when buying a new appliance

- Material grade:

Ask about marine-grade or higher-chromium stainless steel for coastal durability.
- Warranty terms:

Ask your retailer or the manufacturer how coastal exposure is treated under warranty.
- Install location:

Ask an installer whether placement near a window or exterior wall affects long-term care.

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