



# Watts Happening

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It was July, hotter than a pepper patch, and my older sister was expecting her first child. The night before he arrived, Daddy Grand and Benny, my younger brother, drenched in the perspiration of a humid and still night, tried to sleep, but it was useless. The day after he became a grandfather, Daddy Grand announced that we were getting an air conditioner. Later that day he went to Sears to purchase one, and by late afternoon we were cooler than a cucumber.

Was it that final sleepless night or was it the birth of a grandchild that persuaded him? We will never know; but, whatever the reason, we were extremely happy to have a cool house.

We welcomed the blessing with open arms. The house was cool, and the addition to the Burgess family was cute!



Join us Sept. 10 for a THS Wildcat Tailgate Party before the first home game of the season! We'll have free pizza, drinks, and T-shirts for the first 250 students grade K-8 who arrive. Then watch the full season **LIVE** on LightTube Channel 23. Call 455-4515 to subscribe!

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## Keep It Cool

## Check Your Fridge Seal This Summer

You open the refrigerator door, grab something, and close it again – but when you come back later, you notice the door hasn't closed all the way and your food isn't as cold as it should be. Assuming the fridge is level and the hinges are aligned, it's time to check the seal.

Each door of your refrigerator has a molded rubber gasket that seals the cold in and keeps the heat out. When these get old, torn or brittle, they leak. If your unit is running more frequently or you suspect it's losing cold air, give it a test. If you aren't checking the seals once a year, you could be losing money.

### How to Check Your Fridge Door Gasket for Leaks

- Run your hand around the perimeter of the door while it's closed. If you feel any shots of cold, the gasket is leaking.
- Even better, if you have an infrared thermometer for checking drafts, use that to see if there's a leak.
- Close a piece of paper in the door and try to pull it out. If there's no resistance you need to change your gasket.

Check your refrigerator door gasket once a year. If it fails any of these tests, replace it.

Inspect the refrigerator door gasket. If there is any condensation or blackish mold anywhere around it, leaking cold air is probably causing warmer kitchen air to condense. That's a good sign it's time to invest about \$50 to \$75 (depending on your appliance) and 30 minutes to replace the gasket.

Find the manufacturer's identification plate inside the refrigerator compartment, then search online for stores or service centers that stock gaskets for your unit's make and model.

A malfunctioning seal will prevent the unit from maintaining safe food temperatures, not to mention raise your electricity bill as the appliance works harder to stay cold.

A new gasket will help your refrigerator run more efficiently, which will save you money. So, replacing a worn-out gasket will pay for itself over time. And it's much cheaper than buying a new fridge!

