

Understanding Sabbath Mode

In Judaism, the observance of the Sabbath and religious holidays requires a restriction on certain activities during holy times. Because of this, many of today's appliances have a setting called Sabbath Mode. When in Sabbath Mode, certain functions and settings are disabled in the appliance to make it more kosher consumer friendly.

When is Sabbath Mode Used?

Sabbath Mode is used for the Sabbath (also known as Shabbat or Shabbos). The Sabbath takes place from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday, as Saturday is the Jewish day of rest. Sabbath Mode is also used for Jewish holidays, also known as Jewish festivals or Yom Tov.



What Does Sabbath Mode Do?

Because the Sabbath and Jewish holidays are holy days and days of rest, Orthodox Jews are restricted from certain activities. This includes cooking, doing laundry, driving or riding in cars or other vehicles, gardening or mowing the lawn and more. It is also prohibited to turn anything on or off which requires electricity, such as lights or a computer.

The Jewish laws require members to prepare in advance so they don't do any of the actual restricted work on a day of rest. For example, any lights that will be needed on the Sabbath need to be turned on before sundown on Friday.

Sabbath Mode enables our members to make preparations in advance with their appliances while adhering to religious law. When the feature is activated, lights stay off, displays are blank, tones are silenced, fans are stilled and compressors are slowed.

Sabbath Mode is available on select items in cooking and refrigeration. This means members can not only have warm food, but they can also have access to refrigerated or frozen items while adhering to Jewish religious laws on holy days.

Sabbath Mode Appliances

Here is an example of what is changed when appliances are in Sabbath Mode.

RANGES AND WALL OVENS:

- Factory-preset 12-hour automatic shutoff is overridden — oven stays on until manually deactivated.
- Digital display will not illuminate to show time, temperature or the selected oven function until Sabbath Mode is manually deactivated.
- Oven controls can be set before or after Sabbath Mode is activated (i.e., timed bake or delay start). In the event of a power failure when in Sabbath Mode, the oven will automatically turn off and stay off, even when power is restored.
- On some models, the clock will still show the time, but not the temperature or oven function.



need to know

Jewish religious laws require careful study and a qualified teacher. For information on the laws of keeping food warm on the Sabbath or cooking on the holidays, members should contact their rabbi. They also must carefully review the owner's manual of their appliances for instructions on operating Sabbath Mode.

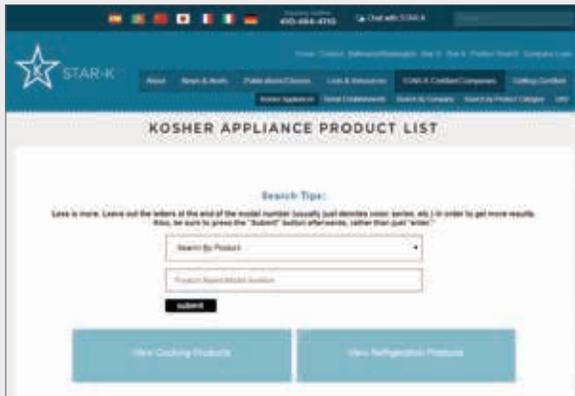
REFRIGERATORS:

- Interior lights, control panel display, ice/water dispenser, sounds, ice maker and any advanced features (such as the door alarm) are turned off.
- Compressor will run on a timed defrost so it will not defrost based on the length or number of door openings.
- Door can be opened or closed without causing any lights, fans, switches, etc. to be turned on or off.
- If there is a power outage during Sabbath Mode, the refrigerator will return to Sabbath Mode when power is restored.



STAR-K Certification

STAR-K Kosher Certification has been a leader in the international world of kosher certification for more than 50 years. STAR-K works with numerous appliance companies to make modern appliances more kosher customer friendly for Shabbos and Yom Tov. Companies chose the name “Sabbath Mode” and STAR-K certifies the modes as they adhere to Jewish religious laws. You can search for kosher (Sabbath Mode) appliances on the STAR-K website at www.star-k.org.



Click  to view a list of the many Kenmore cooking products that are STAR-K certified (Sabbath Mode). For your convenience, here is a list of all of the STAR-K certified refrigeration products we have available from Kenmore, LG and Samsung:

Kenmore/Kenmore Elite

#27002/3/9
 #70342/3/7/9
 #70413/7
 #70443

LG

#07103/7/9 (LG LFXS28596S/M/D)
 #89953/7 (LFXS26973S/D)

Samsung

#09753/7 (RF23M8090SR/SG)
 #08013/7 (RF23M8070SR/SG)
 #08413 (RF23M8070SR)
 #02022/3/7 (RT18M6213WW/SR/SG)
 #02302/3/7 (RT18M6215WW/SR/SG)
 #02332 (RT18M6215WW)
 #02392/7 (RT21M6213WW/SG)

#02223 (RT21M6213SR)
 #02812/7 (RT21M6215WW/SG)
 #02573 (RT21M6215SR)



sales tip

Members may wonder if there is a way to use an appliance for Jewish holidays even if it doesn't have Sabbath Mode. One good tip is to place a piece of tape over the trigger switch. This “tricks” the appliance so it thinks it is closed when it's not. This way, the refrigerator or oven light won't turn on when the appliance is opened.

The controls of an oven that is left on for Shabbos (or part of Shabbos with a timed bake) should be covered with something like a piece of aluminum foil. Caution: Please be careful not to cover the vents.