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Model: EFWC498 | Brand: Frigidaire

INTRODUCTION

This user manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Frigidaire EFWC498 Top Load Hot & Cold Water Cooler Dispenser. Designed for convenience and reliability, this dispenser provides instant access to both hot and cold water, suitable for various settings including homes, offices, garages, dorms, RVs, and cottages. Please read this manual thoroughly before initial use and keep it for future reference.





Figure 1: Frigidaire EFWC498 Top Load Hot & Cold Water Cooler Dispenser.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Your safety and the safety of others are very important. Always follow basic safety precautions when using electrical appliances to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury. This appliance features an electricity shock-proof design for enhanced safety.

- **Child Safety Lock:** The hot water tap is equipped with a child-lock safety feature to prevent accidental burns. Always engage this lock when not in use, especially in households with children.
- **Electrical Safety:** Ensure the dispenser is plugged into a grounded outlet. Do not operate with a damaged cord or plug. Keep the power cord away from heated surfaces.
- **Placement:** Place the dispenser on a firm, level surface using the adjustable front leveling legs to ensure stability. Avoid placing in direct sunlight or near heat sources.
- **Water Bottle Handling:** Always handle water bottles carefully. Ensure the bottle is properly seated to prevent leaks.
- **Cleaning:** Unplug the dispenser before cleaning. Do not immerse the appliance in water.

PRODUCT FEATURES

The Frigidaire EFWC498 water dispenser is designed with user convenience and efficiency in mind:

- **Hot and Cold Water Dispensing:** Provides instant access to both hot and cold water.
- **Bottle Compatibility:** Designed to fit standard 3 and 5 gallon water bottles.
- **Durable Construction:** Features a stainless steel weld tank for long-lasting performance and to prevent overheating.
- **Easy Cleanup:** Equipped with a removable drip tray for hassle-free cleaning of spills.
- **Stability:** Adjustable front leveling legs ensure the dispenser remains stable on any surface.
- **Energy Efficient:** Power-saving and low noise operation, making it an economical choice.
- **Modern Design:** Sleek and stylish appearance complements various decors.

Freestanding Dispenser

**3 OR 5 GALLON
WATER BOTTLE**

**INDICATOR
LIGHT**

**REMOVABLE
DRIP TRAY**

**ADJUSTABLE
FRONT LEVELING
LEGS**



Figure 2: Key features of the Frigidaire EFWC498 including bottle compatibility, indicator lights, removable drip tray, and adjustable leveling legs.



Figure 3: Visual representation of the dispenser's gallon capacity, indicator lights, and hot/cold water functions.

SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove the dispenser from its packaging. Inspect for any damage.
2. **Placement:** Choose a flat, stable surface away from direct sunlight and heat sources. Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit. Use the adjustable front leveling legs to stabilize the unit.
3. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, clean the removable drip tray and the area around the dispenser nozzles. It is recommended to flush the internal tanks by dispensing a few cups of water from both hot and cold taps before consuming.
4. **Install Water Bottle:** Remove the cap from a 3 or 5-gallon water bottle. Carefully lift the bottle and place it firmly onto the top loading receptacle of the dispenser. Ensure it is seated correctly to prevent leaks.
5. **Connect Power:** Plug the power cord into a grounded electrical outlet.
6. **Activate Heating/Cooling:** Locate the ON/OFF switches for hot and cold water on the back of the unit. Turn them ON. Allow approximately 15-30 minutes for the water to reach optimal hot and cold temperatures.



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Figure 4: Proper installation of a 3 or 5-gallon water bottle on the top-loading dispenser.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Using your Frigidaire water dispenser is straightforward:

- **Dispensing Cold Water:** Place your cup or container under the cold water spout. Press the cold water button (usually blue or indicated by a snowflake icon) to dispense. Release the button to stop.
- **Dispensing Hot Water:** For hot water, first slide the child safety lock (red button) to unlock the hot water tap. Then, place your cup under the hot water spout and press the hot water button (usually red or indicated by a steam icon). Release the button to stop. Always ensure the child safety lock is re-engaged after use.
- **Indicator Lights:** The dispenser features indicator lights (red for hot, green for cold) that illuminate when the heating or cooling elements are active and turn off once the desired temperature is reached.

DUAL TEMPERATURE OPTIONS

Enjoy instant access to both hot and cold water for your convenience.



Figure 5: Dispensing cold water from the Frigidaire EFWC498.

PERFECT FOR EVERY OCCASION

Ideal for making tea, coffee, or cooling down with a refreshing glass of water.



Figure 6: Dispensing hot water, demonstrating the child safety lock feature.

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Video 1: Official product video demonstrating the hot and cold water dispensing features of the Frigidaire water dispenser.

MAINTENANCE

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and hygiene:

- **Drip Tray Cleaning:** The removable drip tray should be emptied and cleaned regularly to prevent overflow and maintain hygiene. Simply pull it out, rinse with warm, soapy water, and dry thoroughly before replacing.
- **Exterior Cleaning:** Wipe the exterior surfaces with a soft, damp cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Internal Cleaning:** For thorough internal cleaning and descaling, refer to the detailed instructions in the full user manual (PDF link available on the product page). This typically involves draining the tanks and using a mild cleaning solution.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your dispenser, try these common troubleshooting steps:

Problem	Possible Cause & Solution
No water dispensing	Check if the water bottle is empty or improperly seated. Ensure the dispenser is plugged in and powered on.
Water not hot/cold enough	Verify that the hot/cold switches on the back of the unit are ON. Allow sufficient time for heating/cooling (15-30 minutes). Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit.
Water leaking	Check if the water bottle is properly seated. Inspect the drip tray for overflow. Ensure the drain plug (if applicable) is securely closed.
Unusual noise	Some noise is normal during heating/cooling cycles. Ensure the unit is on a level surface and not touching walls or furniture.

For more detailed troubleshooting, please consult the full user manual or contact customer support.

SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Model Number	EFWC498
Color	White
Material	Stainless Steel
Capacity	3 and 5 Gallon Bottles
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	11"D x 11.5"W x 36"H
Style	TOP-LOAD
Wattage	420 watts
Installation Type	Freestanding
Access Location	Top
Number of Settings	2 (Hot, Cold)
Power Source	Corded Electric
Item Weight	25.1 pounds
Manufacturer	Curtis International Ltd.



36.4"

11.4"

11"



Figure 7: Dimensions of the Frigidaire EFWC498 water dispenser.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Your Frigidaire EFWC498 Water Cooler Dispenser comes with a **1-year manufacturer warranty**. For warranty claims, technical support, or any inquiries not covered in this manual, please contact Curtis International Ltd., the manufacturer. Retain your proof of purchase for warranty service.

For additional resources, including a downloadable PDF user manual, please visit the product page on Amazon or the official Frigidaire support website.

Manufacturer: Curtis International Ltd.

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