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THE KITCHEN RESET · FIELD NOTE 09

# Before the oven clean, read this.

Oven interiors, racks, door seals, and specialty liners each have different limits. Start with the manual and a cool appliance; choose one approved method.

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## YOUR KIT

Appliance manual; suitable gloves; approved oven product; soft cloth



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# Three deliberate steps.

## 01 Choose the correct method

Check what the manufacturer allows and what must be removed. Do not combine a chemical oven cleaner with a self-clean cycle unless explicitly permitted.

## 02 Protect the sensitive parts

Follow instructions for racks, seals, elements, fans, and liners. Remove loose debris gently and apply product only where allowed.

## 03 Remove all residue

Observe the product's dwell and rinse directions. Ventilate as instructed, reassemble correctly, and follow the manual's instructions before cooking again.

## The final check.

- ☐ Appliance cool before starting
- ☐ Seals and elements protected
- ☐ Product residue removed before use

### Know when to pause.

Stop if the manual is missing or the appliance has damaged seals or electrical faults. Arrange appropriate service instead.

## The manual decides the method.

Always follow the surface maker's care instructions and product label. Never mix cleaning products. This guide is for ordinary household care, not hazardous-material remediation. Product-specific instructions take priority.

Related references and service information: Cleaning and disinfecting: CDC

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