

WALK-IN COOLER CLEANING CHECKLIST

1. INTERIOR CLEANING (WALLS, CEILINGS & SHELVING)

- Remove all product; check for expired or damaged items
- Wash walls, ceiling panels, and shelving with warm water + mild detergent
- Pay close attention to corners, seams, and panel joints (*common mold areas*)
- Rinse with clean water and wipe dry to prevent moisture buildup
- Allow proper air circulation before restocking

Safe / Recommended

- Mild dish soap or non-abrasive neutral detergent
- Warm water
- Vinegar + water solution (spot treatment for hard water stains)

Avoid

- Chlorine, chlorides, or acidic cleaners
- Harsh degreasers
- Abrasive pads, steel wool, or scouring powders

2. FLOORS & DRAINS

- Sweep debris and food particles
- Scrub and mop floor with soap and water
- Ensure floor is fully dry (prevents slips and ice buildup)
- Inspect floor drains for clogs or standing water
- Flush drains if needed; schedule professional service if buildup persists

Safe / Recommended

- Mild soap and water
- Soft-bristle brush or mop

Avoid

- Caustic drain chemicals
- Acid-based cleaners that can damage metal or seals

3. DOOR, GASKETS & HARDWARE

- Clean door interior and exterior surfaces
- Wipe door gaskets with soap and water
- Inspect gaskets for cracks, stiffness, or gaps
- Check hinges, closers, and alignment
- Sanitize door handles (high-touch area)

Important note:

Bleach and strong disinfectants can dry out and crack gaskets, reducing seal integrity.

Safe / Recommended

- Mild soap and warm water
- Soft cloth

Avoid

- Bleach or disinfectants on gaskets
- Abrasive scrubbers

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4. COILS, FANS & AIRFLOW COMPONENTS

(Spring is an ideal time for this after winter dust and debris.)

- Visually inspect evaporator coils for dust, debris, or ice
- Clean coils using manufacturer-approved coil cleaner or mild detergent
- Use soft-bristle brush, vacuum, or compressed air (low pressure)
- Inspect and wipe fan blades and vents
- Ensure airflow is not blocked by stored product

5. TEMPERATURE & OPERATIONAL CHECKS

- Verify thermostat setting (typically 35–38°F for coolers)
- Cross-check with a secondary thermometer
- Confirm lights turn off when door is closed
- Listen for unusual noises or constant running
- Ensure product is spaced to allow proper airflow

6. PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ITEMS

- Inspect insulation and wall panels for damage or condensation
- Check for leaks, corrosion, or oil stains around refrigeration components
- Review temperature logs for fluctuations (See SmartRite® Monitoring System)
- Check Everidge UV Pro® bulbs for illumination and service life; order replacements if nearing end of life
- Schedule professional refrigeration service if coils, drains, or refrigerant issues are found

Safe / Recommended

- Refrigeration-approved evaporator or condenser coil cleaner
- Mild soap and water (when approved by manufacturer)

Avoid

- High-pressure water
- Sharp tools for ice removal
- Acidic or corrosive cleaners

CLEANER QUICK REFERENCE

Safe / Recommended

- Mild soap & warm water
- Refrigeration-approved coil cleaners
- Vinegar & water (spot use only)
- Soft cloths & soft-bristle brushes

Avoid

- Chlorides, acids, and caustic cleaners
- Harsh degreasers
- Bleach on gaskets and seals
- Steel wool, scouring pads
- High-pressure spray on coils