INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR

REFRIGERATOR LOCATION

- Do not install the refrigerator where the temperature will go below 60°F (16°C) because it will not run often enough to maintain proper temperatures.
- Do not install the refrigerator where the temperature will go above 100°F (37°C) because it will not perform properly.
- Do not install the refrigerator in a location exposed to water (rain, etc.) or direct sunlight.
- Install it on a floor strong enough to support it fully loaded.

CLEARANCES

Allow the following clearances for ease of installation, proper air circulation and plumbing and electrical connections:

	23‘/25‘ CustomStyle™	23‘ (33” wide), 25‘, 26‘, 27‘, 29‘
Sides	1/8” (4 mm)	1/8” (4 mm)
Top	1” (25 mm)	1” (25 mm)
Back	1/2” (13 mm)	-1” (25 mm)

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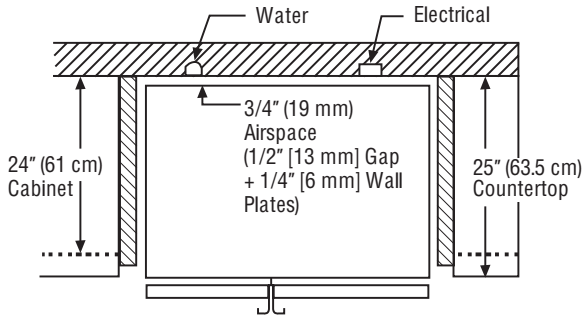

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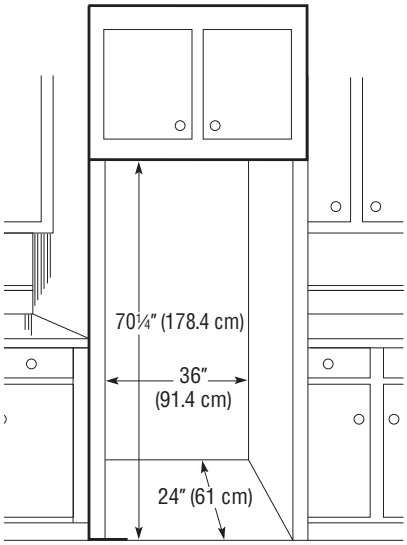

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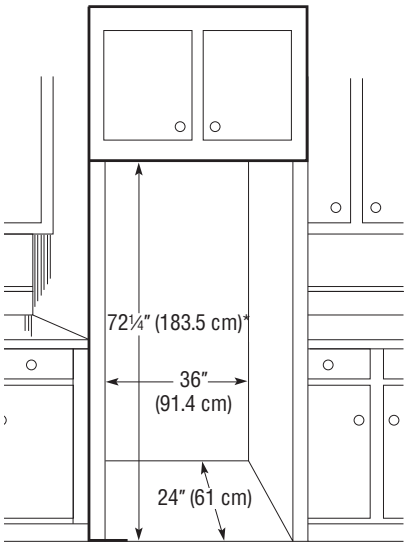


*72 1/4” (183.5 cm) required for full adjustment of mobility wheels. If cabinets installed above refrigerator have doors that are flush to the top of the opening for the refrigerator, then an additional 1/8” may be required to provide clearance for cabinet doors to open freely.

INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR (CONT.)

1 CONNECTING THE REFRIGERATOR TO THE HOUSE WATER LINE
(icemaker and dispenser models)

A cold water supply is required for automatic icemaker and dispenser operation. If there is not a cold water supply, you will need to provide one. See "Installing the Water Line" section.

NOTES:

- Before making the connection to the refrigerator, be sure the refrigerator power cord is not plugged into the wall outlet.
- If your refrigerator does not have a water filter, we recommend installing one if your water supply has sand or particles that could clog the screen of the refrigerator's water valve. Install it in the water line near the refrigerator.
  If using GE SmartConnect™ Refrigerator Tubing Kit, you will need an additional tube (WX08X10002) to connect the filter. Do not cut plastic tube to install filter.

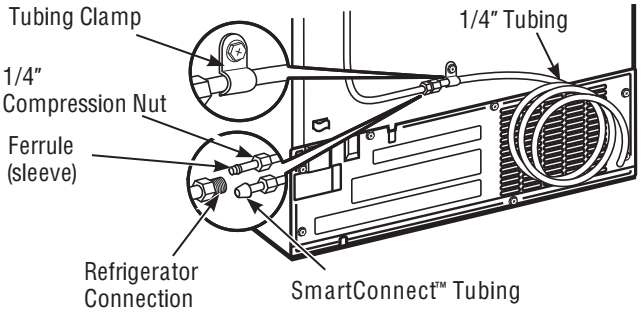
A If you are using copper tubing, place a compression nut and ferrule (sleeve) onto the end of the tubing coming from the house cold water supply.

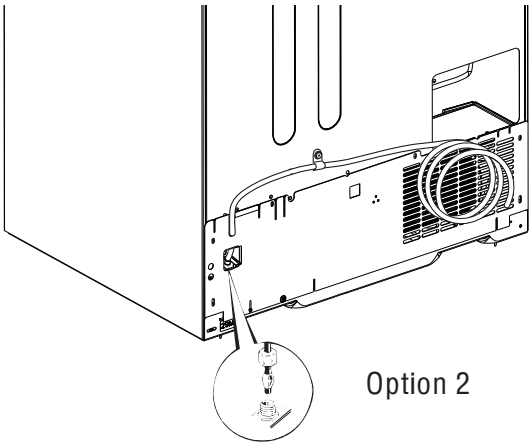
If you are using the GE SmartConnect™ tubing, the nuts are already assembled to the tubing.

B If you are using copper tubing, insert the end of the tubing into the refrigerator connection, at the back of the refrigerator, as far as possible. While holding the tubing, tighten the fitting.

If you are using GE SmartConnect™ tubing, insert the molded end of the tubing into the refrigerator connection, at the back of the refrigerator, and tighten the compression nut until it is hand tight. Then tighten one additional turn with a wrench. Overtightening may cause leaks.

C Fasten the tubing into the clamp provided to hold it in position. You may need to pry open the clamp.

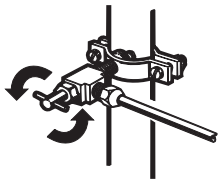




Option 2

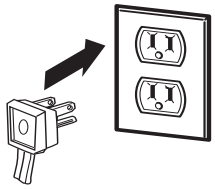
2 TURN ON THE WATER SUPPLY

Turn the water on at the shutoff valve (house water supply) and check for any leaks.



3 PLUG IN THE REFRIGERATOR

Before plugging in the refrigerator, make sure the icemaker power switch is set to the OFF position.



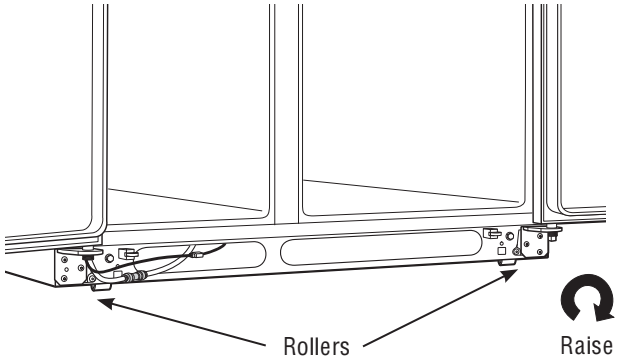
See the grounding information attached to the power cord.

4 PUT THE REFRIGERATOR IN PLACE

Move the refrigerator to its final location.

5 LEVEL THE REFRIGERATOR

The refrigerator can be leveled by adjusting the rollers located near the bottom hinges.

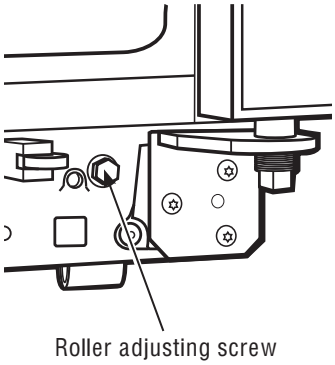


Rollers have three purposes:

- Rollers adjust so the door closes easily when opened about halfway. (Raise the front about 5/8" [16 mm] from the floor.)
- Rollers adjust so the refrigerator is firmly positioned on the floor and does not wobble.
- Rollers allow you to move the refrigerator away from the wall for cleaning.

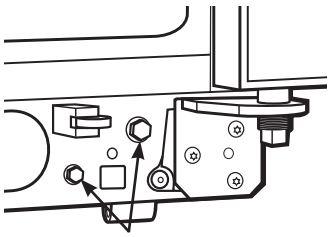
To adjust the rollers on 23‘ (33" wide), 25‘, 26‘, 27‘ and 29‘ models:

- Turn the roller adjusting screws **clockwise to raise** the refrigerator, **counterclockwise to lower** it. Use a 3/8" hex socket or wrench, or an adjustable wrench.



5 LEVEL THE REFRIGERATOR (cont.)

To adjust the rollers on 23‘/25‘ CustomStyle™ models:



Turn the front roller adjusting screws **clockwise to raise** the refrigerator, **counterclockwise to lower** it. Use a 3/8" hex wrench with extension, or an adjustable wrench.

These models also have rear adjustable rollers so you can align the refrigerator with your kitchen cabinets. Use a 3/8" hex wrench with extension to turn the screws for the rear rollers—**clockwise to raise** the refrigerator, **counterclockwise to lower** it.

6 LEVEL THE DOORS

A Adjust the refrigerator door to make the doors even at the top.

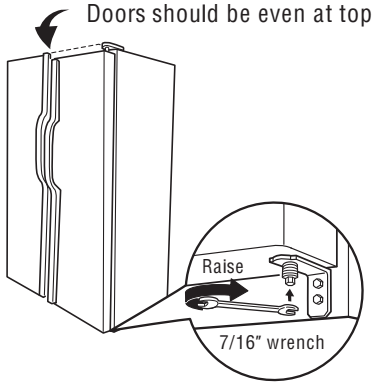
B To align:

Using a 7/16" wrench, turn the door adjusting screw to the right to raise the door, to the left to lower it.

NOTE:

A nylon plug, imbedded in the threads of the pin, prevents the pin from turning unless a wrench is used.

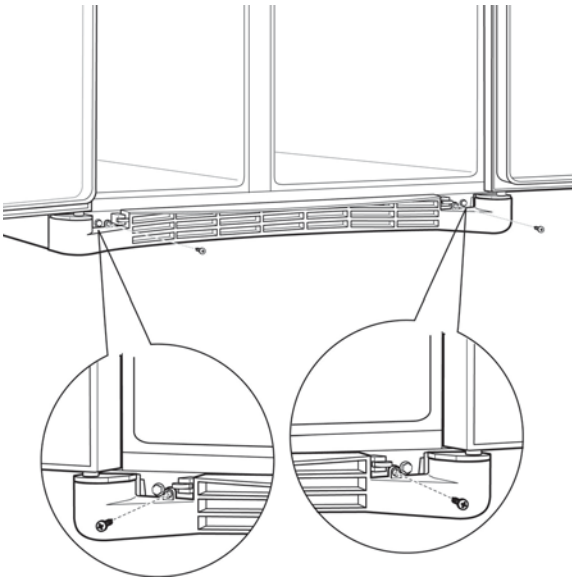
After one or two turns of the wrench, open and close the refrigerator door and check the alignment at the top of the doors.



INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR (CONT.)

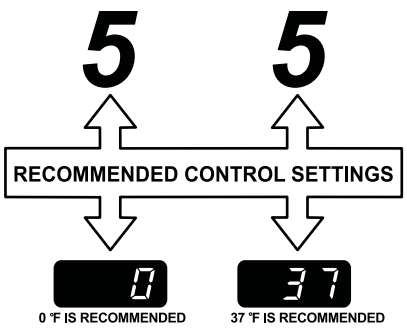
7 REPLACE THE BASE GRILLE

Replace the grille by installing the two Phillips head screws.



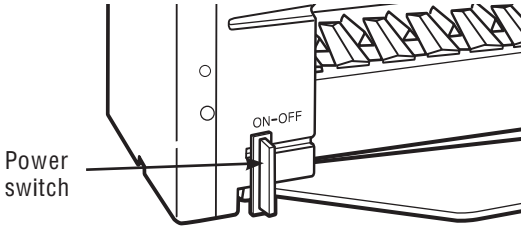
8 SET THE CONTROLS

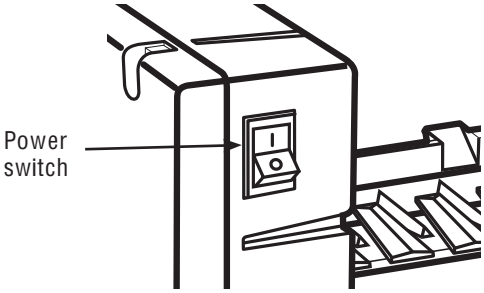
Set the controls to the recommended setting.



9 START THE ICEMAKER

Set the icemaker power switch to the **I (on)** position. The icemaker will not begin to operate until it reaches its operating temperature of 15°F (–9°C) or below. It will then begin operation automatically. It will take 2–3 days to fill the ice bin.





NOTE:

In lower water pressure conditions, the water valve may turn on up to 3 times to deliver enough water to the icemaker.

INSTALLING THE WATER LINE (ICEMAKER & DISPENSER MODELS)

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Recommended copper water supply kits are WX8X2, WX8X3 or WX8X4, depending on the amount of tubing you need. Approved plastic water supply lines are GE SmartConnect™ Refrigerator Tubing (WX08X10006, WX08X10015 and WX08X10025).

When connecting your refrigerator to a GE Reverse Osmosis Water System, the only approved installation is with a GE RVKit. For other reverse osmosis water systems, follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

If the water supply to the refrigerator is from a Reverse Osmosis Water Filtration System AND the refrigerator also has a water filter, use the refrigerator's filter bypass plug. Using the refrigerator's water filtration cartridge in conjunction with the RO filter can result in hollow ice cubes and slower water flow from the water dispenser.

This water line installation is not warranted by the refrigerator or icemaker manufacturer. Follow these instructions carefully to minimize the risk of expensive water damage.

Water hammer (water banging in the pipes) in house plumbing can cause damage to refrigerator parts and lead to water leakage or flooding. Call a qualified plumber to correct water hammer before installing the water supply line to the refrigerator.

To prevent burns and product damage, do not hook up the water line to the hot water line.

If you use your refrigerator before connecting the water line, make sure the icemaker power switch is in the OFF position.

Do not install the icemaker tubing in areas where temperatures fall below freezing.

When using any electrical device (such as a power drill) during installation, be sure the device is double insulated or grounded in a manner to prevent the hazard of electric shock, or is battery powered.

All installations must be in accordance with local plumbing code requirements.

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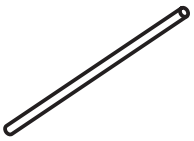


- Copper or GE SmartConnect™ Refrigerator Tubing kit, 1/4" outer diameter to connect the refrigerator to the water supply. If using copper, be sure both ends of the tubing are cut square.

To determine how much tubing you need: measure the distance from the water valve on the back of the refrigerator to the water supply pipe. Be sure there is sufficient extra tubing to allow the refrigerator to move out from the wall after installation.

GE SmartConnect™ Refrigerator Tubing Kits are available in the following lengths:

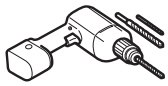
8' (2.8 m) – WX08X10006
15' (4.6 m) – WX08X10015
25' (7.6 m) – WX08X10025

INSTALLING THE WATER LINE (CONT.)

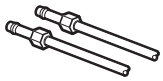
WHAT YOU WILL NEED (CONT.)

NOTE: The only GE approved plastic tubing is that supplied in GE SmartConnect™ Refrigerator Tubing kits. Do not use any other plastic water supply line because the line is under pressure at all times. Certain types of plastic will crack or rupture with age and cause water damage to your home.

- **A GE water supply kit** (containing tubing, shutoff valve and fittings listed below) is available at extra cost from your dealer or from Parts and Accessories, 800.626.2002 (in Canada 1.800.661.1616).
- **A cold water supply.** The water pressure must be between 20 and 120 p.s.i. (1.4–8.1 bar).



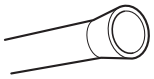
- **Power drill.**
- **1/2" or adjustable wrench.**
- **Straight and Phillips blade screwdriver.**



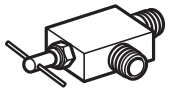
- **Two 1/4" outer diameter compression nuts and 2 ferrules (sleeves)**—to connect the copper tubing to the shutoff valve and the refrigerator water valve.

OR

- If you are using a GE SmartConnect™ Refrigerator Tubing kit, the necessary fittings are preassembled to the tubing.



- If your existing copper water line has a flared fitting at the end, you will need an **adapter** (available at plumbing supply stores) to connect the water line to the refrigerator **OR** you can cut off the flared fitting with a **tube cutter** and then use a compression fitting. Do not cut formed end from GE SmartConnect™ Refrigerator tubing.



- **Shutoff valve** to connect to the cold water line. The shutoff valve should have a water inlet with a minimum inside diameter of 5/32" at the point of connection to the **COLD WATER LINE.** Saddle-type shutoff valves are included in many water supply kits. Before purchasing, make sure a saddle-type valve complies with your local plumbing codes.

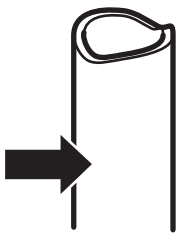
Install the shutoff valve on the nearest frequently used drinking water line.

1 SHUT OFF THE MAIN WATER SUPPLY

Turn on the nearest faucet long enough to clear the line of water.

2 CHOOSE THE VALVE LOCATION

Choose a location for the valve that is easily accessible. It is best to connect into the side of a vertical water pipe. When it is necessary to connect into a horizontal water pipe, make the connection to the top or side, rather than at the bottom, to avoid drawing off any sediment from the water pipe.

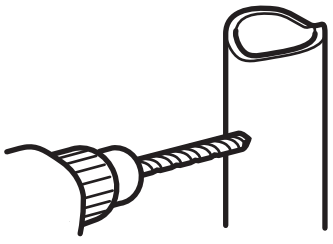


3 DRILL THE HOLE FOR THE VALVE

Drill a 1/4" hole in the water pipe (even if using a self-piercing valve), using a sharp bit. Remove any burrs resulting from drilling the hole in the pipe.

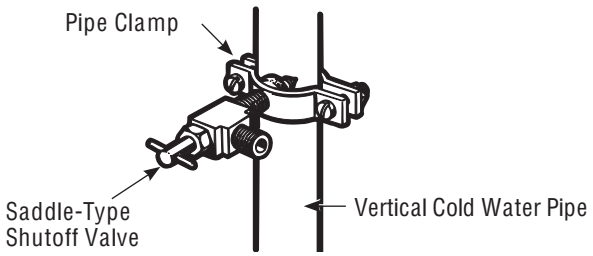
Take care not to allow water to drain into the drill.

Failure to drill a 1/4" hole may result in reduced ice production or smaller cubes.



4 FASTEN THE SHUTOFF VALVE

Fasten the shutoff valve to the cold water pipe with the pipe clamp.



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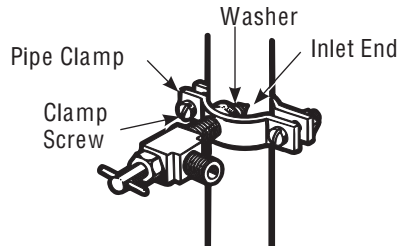
5 TIGHTEN THE PIPE CLAMP

Tighten the clamp screws until the sealing washer begins to swell.

NOTE: Do not overtighten or you may crush the tubing.



6 ROUTE THE TUBING

Route the tubing between the cold water line and the refrigerator.

Route the tubing through a hole drilled in the wall or floor (behind the refrigerator or adjacent base cabinet) as close to the wall as possible.

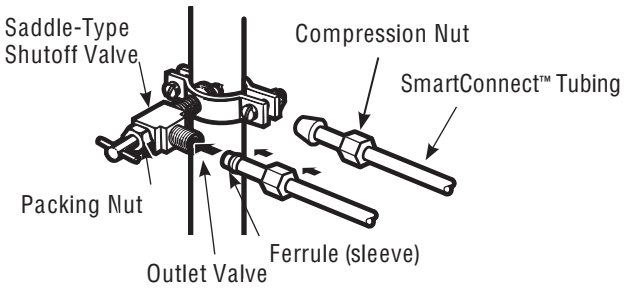
NOTE: Be sure there is sufficient extra tubing to allow the refrigerator to move out from the wall after installation.

7 CONNECT THE TUBING TO THE VALVE

Place the compression nut and ferrule (sleeve) for copper tubing onto the end of the tubing and connect it to the shutoff valve.

Make sure the tubing is fully inserted into the valve. Tighten the compression nut securely.

For plastic tubing from a GE SmartConnect™ Refrigerator Tubing kit, insert the molded end of the tubing into the shutoff valve and tighten compression nut until it is hand tight, then tighten one additional turn with a wrench. Overtightening may cause leaks.



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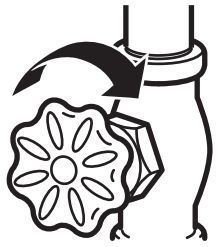
8 FLUSH OUT THE TUBING

Turn the main water supply on and flush out the tubing until the water is clear.

Shut the water off at the water valve after about one quart (1 liter) of water has been flushed through the tubing.



To complete the installation of the refrigerator, go back to Step 1 in *Installing the Refrigerator.*