

10 Tips to Care for Your Iron

Our irons are hard working tools. They need care to function properly for us. These tips will help you keep your iron in top shape and ready to go.

1. **The iron is not hot enough.** Don't use steam before the steam is ready.
2. **Turn the steam function off** if using cooler temps for more delicate fabrics. Leaving the steam function on can cause the iron to leak.
3. **Don't overfill the tank.** It's not necessary to put any more than the minimum amount of water in it unless you are going to steam with it all day long.
4. **No distilled water in the iron.** Use regular tap water. Filtered water is good too. Need the natural minerals inside the iron to help it produce steam. The rule is - if you can drink the water - so can your iron.
5. **Empty the tank** if it won't be used for a long time. A long time is defined as a day or two at the most. A better practice is to empty it every time it is used.
6. **Store the iron** on its heel, don't store it flat.
7. **Use a Q-tip to wipe out the holes** on the sole plate to remove residue.
8. **Use equal parts white vinegar and water** to clean the tank, steam it all out, then 2 water fills and run it all through. Do this over a towel to catch the mess.
9. **Use a micro-cloth** to wipe off the soleplate and the iron itself.
10. **Let the steam button come all the way back out** before depressing again. This gives the iron a moment to recover for the next full burst of steam.

Are there any on the list that are new to you? You can print these tips out and have them handy for when you need to refer to them. I hope you find them to be as helpful as I do!

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