



## SUFFOLK CENTRE

### TIPS AND IDEAS



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#### Switching off your Fridge



A further tip to help prevent yet another possible cause of dampness. Having cleared your fridge of its contents and just prior to switching it off, place a couple of sheets of kitchen towel rolled up cigar style, along the channel at the rear of the fridge that leads to the water drain hole such that any water is absorbed by the kitchen towel and prevented from going down the drain hole. Remove the kitchen towel when all traces of water have been absorbed or dried. (Typically Electrolux models have a metal finned cooling assembly immediately above drain channel and this should be checked for dryness before removing paper)

Why – under normal fridge operation any water that passes down the drain hole is directed into a small plastic container, which is clipped/ attached to the fridges tubing. This tubing gets warm whilst the fridge is running and as a result any water in the container is slowly evaporated. When you switch the fridge off the tubing cools quickly and hence the evaporation effect is lost. Any water created inside the fridge after switching the power off passes down the drain tube and the container fills up and in certain conditions can overflow. Even if it doesn't overflow, the chances are the next time you use the van any water left will be splashed out of the container due to the rocking motion of the van and be absorbed into the fabric of your caravan.

If you've got a van with exterior fridge vent panels that are easily removable, have a check for yourself. And as a further tip - don't forget to give the drain hole a clean from time to time.