

Coffee Machine Descaling Guide

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Know when to descale

1 Watch the flow

Slower pouring than usual means scale is narrowing the water lines.

2 Check the temperature

Coffee cooler than it used to be points to a scaled heating element.

3 Follow a schedule

Daily-use machines on Ottawa tap water: every 1 to 2 months.

4 Trust flow over the light

The descale light runs on a counter, not real scale. Use judgment.

Descal safely

1 Remove the water filter

Descaler ruins a softening filter cartridge.

2 Use the right solution

A coffee machine descaler or citric acid, not strong vinegar.

3 Let it soak

Pause partway so the acid can work on thicker scale.

4 Rinse thoroughly

Run at least two full tanks of fresh water before brewing again.

5 Do not over-strengthen

Too strong or left overnight can attack seals and boilers.

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