

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
THE ICED TEA POT  
BY MR. COFFEE  
MODEL TM3



For better tasting tea  
and coffee, use Mr. Coffee  
brand filters.



FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY  
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OR QUESTIONS,  
**CALL 1-800-MR COFFEE**  
**(1-800-672-6333)**  
**8:30AM-5:00PM EST, MON.-FRI.**

# IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and/or injury to persons, including the following:

1. **Read all instructions before using the machine.**
2. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
3. To protect against electric shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or appliance in water or other liquid.
4. Close adult supervision is necessary when this appliance is used by or near children.
5. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning the appliance.
6. Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions, or has been damaged in any manner. Return this appliance only to the nearest authorized service center for examination, repair or adjustment.
7. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by MR. COFFEE, may cause hazards or injuries.
6. Do not use outdoors.
9. Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
10. Do not place this appliance on or near a hot gas or electric burner or in a heated oven.
11. To disconnect, remove plug from outlet wall.
12. Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
13. Use on a hard, flat level surface only, to avoid interruption of air flow underneath the appliance.
14. **Pitcher Use and Care**  
Breakage may occur if the following instructions are not followed:
  - a. This pitcher is designed for use with The 3 Quart Iced Tea Pot and therefore must never be used on a rangetop or in any oven, including a microwave.
  - b. Do not use a cracked pitcher.
  - c. Do not clean the pitcher with cleansers, steel wool pads, or other abrasive materials.
  - d. Avoid sharp blows, scratches, or rough handling.
15. Pitcher is not dishwasher safe.

# SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

# SPECIAL CORD SET INSTRUCTIONS

1. A short power supply cord is provided to reduce the hazards resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.
  2. An extension cord may be purchased and used if care is exercised in its use.
  3. If an extension cord is used, the marked electrical rating of the extension cord must be at least 5 amps and 120 volts. The resulting extended cord must be arranged so that it will not drape over the counter top or table top where it can be pulled on by children or tripped over **accidentally**.
- **This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). To reduce the risk of electric shock, this plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not modify the plug in any way.**

## **PRECAUTIONS**

1. Place this machine well back from the edge of the counter.
2. To stop the brewing cycle before completed, grasp the molded plug and unplug. PLEASE NOTE: The machine will continue the brew cycle when plugged back in.
3. Avoid areas which may become hot or emit steam when the machine is on, particularly the steeping basket. The steeping basket lid must be on while the machine is brewing.
4. Unplug the unit when not in use or when wiping the exterior. Wipe with a damp cloth only.
5. To maintain the quality of pads, we recommend hand washing only. ALL **PARTS ARE NOT DISHWASHER SAFE.**
6. DO NOT move the machine while in use or afterwards, until it has cooled. Steam may escape from the steeping basket while the unit is cooling.
7. DO NOT place a cloth or restrict the air flow beneath the appliance.
8. Avoid jerking or straining the power cord when unplugging. Grasp the molded plug to unplug.
9. This machine is not designed for commercial use.
10. Do not permit children to use this machine unless under close adult supervision

## ***Introduction***

Congratulations! You are the owner of The 3 Quart Iced Tea Pot by Mr. Coffee. This unique appliance has been designed to provide you with excellent tasting iced tea quickly and conveniently.

Our specially designed steeping basket keeps tea immersed in hot water to extract the full flavor from your tea. The tea then drips down into the pitcher filled with ice to chill. As a result, you get consistently great tasting, fresh brewed iced tea every time.

The 3 Quart Iced Tea Pot will automatically shut-off when the brewing is completed. When the tea is all gone, the pitcher and lid store over the top of the machine and the cord wraps around the machine to save valuable counter space.

To insure the long life of this appliance and its trouble-free operation, please read all of the instructions in this booklet carefully before you begin to use this appliance. Save these instructions and refer to them often for cleaning and care tips.

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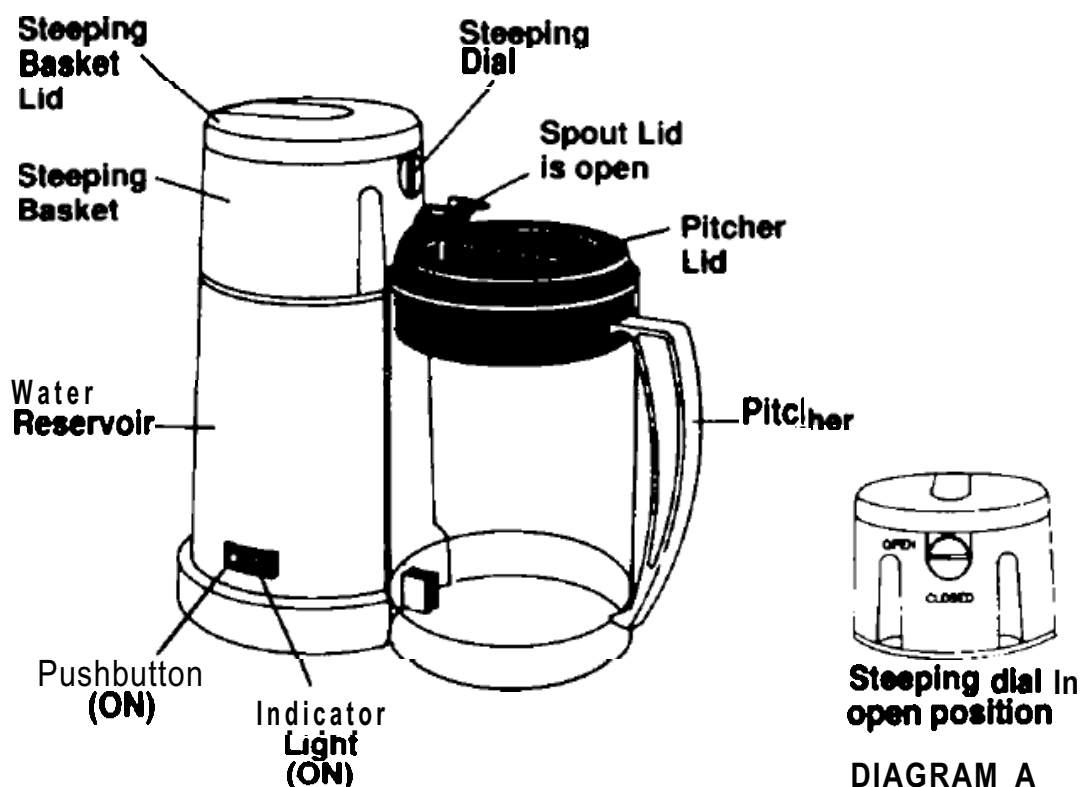
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## ***Clean Your Iced Tea Pot Before First Use***

1. Wash the pitcher, pitcher lid, steeping basket and steeping basket lid with warm water and mild detergent. Rinse thoroughly. (Please refer to the diagram of parts listed below)

**WARNING:** To prevent injury from hot steam, do not plug the unit in until water is in the reservoir and the pitcher is in place.

2. Fill the pitcher with water to the top water level mark on the pitcher and pour into the water reservoir. Do not overfill. Replace the steeping basket and lid on top of the machine.
3. Place one tray of ice cubes into the pitcher.
4. Turn the steeping dial to the open position as illustrated in the diagram A below.
5. Slide the pitcher with lid, spout first, under the machine. Make sure the spout lid is open.
6. Plug the cord into the electrical outlet and depress the push button (ON) to turn the machine on. The indicator light will illuminate to let you know the machine is on.
7. When the water has cycled through, the machine will shut off automatically.
8. Slide the pitcher away from the machine and discard the water.



## TEA AND COFFEE MEASUREMENT CHART

To Make:	Tea	coffee
3 quarts	<b>8-12</b> regular bags or, 3-5 level tablespoons of loose tea	<b>8-10</b> coffee scoops or, <b>16-20</b> level tablespoons
2 quarts	<b>6-10</b> regular bags or, 2-4 level tablespoons of loose tea	<b>5-7 coffee</b> scoops or, 1 O-1 4 level tablespoons
1 quart	3-5 regular bags or, 1-3 level tablespoons of loose tea	<b>3-4 coffee</b> scoops or, 6-8 level tablespoons

### ***Helpful Hints***

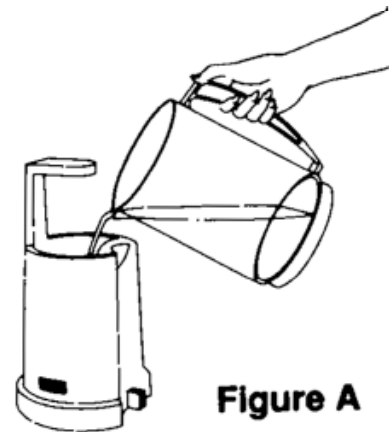
1. Use more or less tea or coffee to suit your taste. Additional tea bags may be needed when using herbal tea.
2. If your ice supply is low, you can substitute with cold tap water. After filling the water reservoir with the proper amount of water, refill the pitcher with cold tap water a second time to the desired 1, 2 or 3 quart WATER level. Refrigerate to chill.
3. Tea may turn cloudy as it chills due to the tannic acids found in tea. Higher quality teas will contain more tannic acids than others. Using less tea will reduce the cloudiness.
4. For extra flavor, try adding several bags of herbal or flavored tea to your brew.
5. For excellent iced coffee, try dark roast coffee or any other flavored coffee.

### To ***Brew Iced Tea***

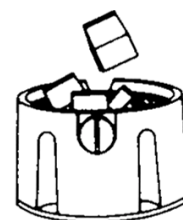
1. Fill the pitcher with tap water to the desired capacity as indicated by the 1, 2 and 3 quart WATER levels marked on the pitcher.

**WARNING: To prevent Injury from hot steam, do not plug the unit in until water is in the reservoir and the pitcher is in place.**

2. Pour the water into the water reservoir. (Figure A)
3. Place a Mr. Coffee brand paper filter in the steeping basket and add the desired amount of tea bags, or loose tea (Figure B). Please refer to the chart above for recommended amounts of tea or coffee.



**Figure A**



**Figure B**

## To Brew Iced Tea (cont.)

Sugar, lemon and other flavoring can also be added at the time and will dissolve best if sprinkled over the top of the tea.

- Slide the steeping basket on top of the water reservoir until it fits into place and then secure lid on top of basket. (Figure C). Make sure the steeping dial is in the closed position (Figure D).
- Fill the pitcher with ice cubes to the desired capacity as indicated by the 1, 2 and 3 quart ICE levels marked on the pitcher (Figure E). Place the pitcher lid on the pitcher.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Cold tap water can be used as a substitute for ice cubes. Instead of filling the pitcher with ice cubes, simply refill the pitcher with cold water a second time to the desired 1, 2 or 3 quart WATER level. Do not fill to the ICE level or your pitcher may overflow during brewing. Refrigerate to chill.

- Slide the pitcher with lid, spout first, under the machine. Make sure the spout lid is open (Figure F).
- Plug the cord into an electrical outlet and depress the push button (ON). The indicator light will illuminate to let you know the machine is on.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The first time the machine is used, it may not be necessary to depress the push button (ON) to turn the machine on, simply plugging the machine into an outlet will start the brewing cycle. Also, if the push button (ON) is depressed before the machine is plugged into an outlet, plugging the machine into an outlet will start the brewing cycle.

- When the brewing cycle is completed, The Iced Tea Pot will shut off automatically. Drain the remainder of the tea in the steeping basket by turning the steeping dial to "open" (Figure G).

Note: For extra strength, wait a few minutes before draining the remaining tea into the pitcher.

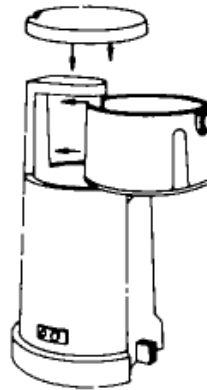


Figure C



Figure D

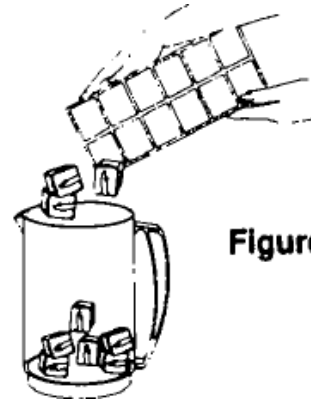


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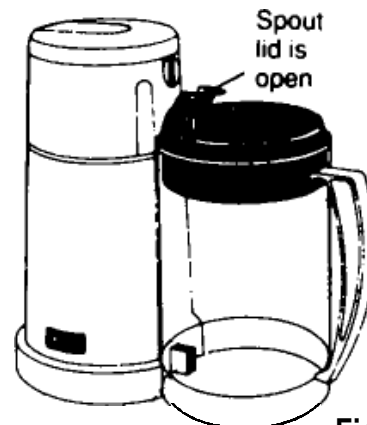


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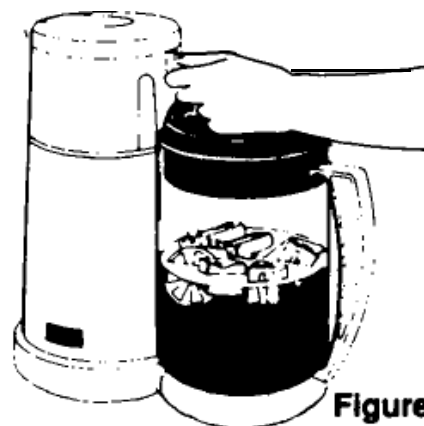


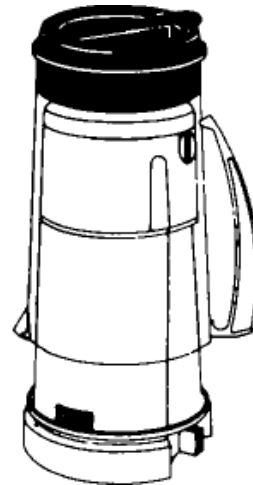
Figure G

## ***To Brew Iced Tea (cont.)***

9. When the tea has drained, turn the steeping dial to the closed position to prevent any after drip. Slide the pitcher away from the machine and you are ready to serve refreshingly cold iced tea.

10. **Discard** the contents of the steeping basket. Rinse out the steeping basket and lid with warm water **after each use**. (The steeping valve on the bottom of the basket may become sticky and not open and close properly, if not rinsed out regularly).

11. Leftover tea can be stored in the refrigerator. When the machine is not in use, the pitcher and lid store over the top of the machine. The cord has a cord clip so the cord can be wrapped around the machine and secured (Figure H).



**Figure H**

## ***To Brew Iced Coffee***

Using the suggested amount of coffee in the chart listed on page 6, follow the instructions for making iced tea except for instruction #4. Instead of turning the steeping dial to “closed”, keep it in the “open” position. It is not necessary to steep coffee!

**CAUTION:** Decaffeinated coffee, particularly when used with chemically softened water, can cause slower filtration. The steeping dial must be left in the “open” position or the unit may overflow.

## ***Problem Solving***

### **The tea is too weak:**

- add more tea.
- herbal tea does not brew as strong, you may need to use more tea.
- after the machine shuts off, wait for a few minutes before draining the remaining tea into the pitcher.
- check to make sure the steeping dial is in the closed position during brewing so that the tea steeps.

### **The tea is too strong:**

- use less tea.
- the tea may be steeping too long. Be sure to drain the remaining tea in the steeping basket by turning the steeping dial to “open” as soon as the machine shuts off.

### **I do not have enough ice:**

- use cold tap water as a substitute. See Helpful Hint #2 on page 6.



## ***Problem Solving (cont.)***

**The machine will not turn on:**

- is the cord plugged in?
- check to insure that the pushbutton is fully depressed.
- the machine may need to be cleaned. See the "Deliming is a Must" section below on page 9.
- wait 3 minutes minimum (unit must cool down before starting another brew cycle) and try again.

## ***Daily Care***

1. To maintain the quality of all parts and minimize tea stains, we recommend washing the pitcher, pitcher lid, steeping basket and steeping basket lid with warm water and mild detergent, regularly.
2. Hard water can leave a whitish mineral deposit inside the pitcher and steeping basket. Tea and coffee discolors these deposits. To remove, fill the basket and pitcher with warm white vinegar and let it soak for about 20 minutes.
3. Do not use harsh abrasive cleaners. They will cause scratches which can lead to breakage.

## ***Deliming is a Must***

The Iced Tea Pot must be delimed when you begin to notice an increase in steaming or if the pumping action stops before all the water has been pumped out of the machine.

The frequency of cleaning depends on the hardness of water used. Listed below are the suggested cleaning intervals.

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<b>SUGGESTED CLEANING INTERVAL</b>	
<b>Type of Water</b>	<b>Cleaning Frequency</b>
Soft Water	every <b>80</b> brew cycles
Hard Water	every <b>40</b> brew cycles

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For best results use MR. COFFEE CLEANER. It works better than vinegar and has no unpleasant odor. Instructions for both Mr. Coffee Cleaner and vinegar follow:

### **USING MR. COFFEE CLEANER**

(Read caution statement on side panel of Mr. Coffee Cleaner before use).

1. Fill the pitcher with warm water to the 3 quart WATER level marked on the pitcher.
2. Empty contents of one packet of MR. COFFEE CLEANER into the pitcher. Mix thoroughly to dissolve the cleaner.. This will make a clear blue solution.

### **USING MR. COFFEE CLEANER (continued)**

3. Pour the entire contents of the pitcher into the water reservoir of the machine. Replace the steeping basket with lid on top of the machine.
4. Follow instructions #3 through #7 on page 5 in section "Clean Before First Use", to run the cleaning solution through the machine.
5. After the cleaning solution has cycled through, the machine will shut itself off automatically.
6. Slide the pitcher away from the machine and discard the contents of the pitcher. Rinse the pitcher, pitcher lid, steeping basket and lid thoroughly with water.
7. Repeat all of the above steps with clean water only to rinse out any remaining traces of the solution.
  - a. Be sure you thoroughly rinse the unit until there are no remaining traces of the blue solution. When completed, wash the pitcher and lid, and steeping basket and lid with mild detergent and rinse thoroughly. These items are not dishwasher safe.
9. If a normal brewing rate is not achieved, repeat the cleaning procedure.

### **USING VINEGAR:**

1. Pour 1 quart of undiluted white household vinegar into the reservoir. Replace the steeping basket with lid on top of the machine.
2. Follow instruction #3 through #7 on page 5 in section "Clean Before First Use", to run the vinegar through the machine. However, after approximately 1 cup of vinegar has brewed into the pitcher, unplug the appliance and allow it to sit for 30 minutes.
3. After 30 minutes, pour the vinegar back into the reservoir and replace the pitcher with lid.
4. Plug the cord back in. The machine will continue the brew cycle.
5. After the vinegar has cycled through, the machine will shut itself off automatically. Remove the pitcher and discard its contents.
6. To rinse out any remaining traces of vinegar, fill the pitcher with water to the 3 quart level and repeat steps #1 through #4. above, without stopping the machine in the middle of its cycle.
7. Repeat the above rinsing.

## ***If Service Is Required, Do Not Return to Your Store***

For service, call **1-800-MR COFFEE (1-800-672-6333)**

**8:30** a.m. to **5:00** p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

**To assist us in serving you, please have the model number TM3 and date of purchase available.**

All repairs must be made by Mr. Coffee or an authorized Mr. Coffee Service Center. Please call us for the authorized service center for your area.

**Please do not return this appliance to your store.**

**We welcome your questions, comments or suggestions.**

Please include your complete name, address and telephone number and description of problem in all communications.

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## ***Limited Warranty***

Mr. Coffee, inc. warrants to the purchaser that The Iced Tea Pot by Mr. Coffee, Model TM3.5 (except for cord set) is free from manufacturer's defects in material or workmanship for a period of one year from the date of original purchase when used in compliance with directions as outlined in the manufacturer's instructions, which will constitute reasonable and necessary maintenance by the purchaser.

In case of manufacturer defects in material or workmanship, Mr. Coffee, inc. agrees to repair or replace (remedy) a defective Iced Tea Pot without charge. The purchaser's exclusive remedy against Mr. Coffee, inc. shall be for the repair or replacement of a defective Mr. Coffee Product.

All repairs must be made at an authorized Mr. Coffee Service Center. To locate a Mr. Coffee Service Center, call 1-800-321-0370. As the purchaser, you assume all cost incurred in transporting your Mr. Coffee machine to and from the authorized Mr. Coffee Service Center. *Mr. Coffee, inc. shall not be responsible for any repairs performed at any facility which is not an authorized Mr. Coffee Service Center.*

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. Any implied warranty is limited in duration to the one year provided in this, the only, expressed warranty. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

***In no event shall Mr. Coffee, inc. be responsible for incidental or consequential damages,*** nor damage due to misuse or the use of any unauthorized attachment; nor assumption of responsibility for damage caused by use of an electrical circuit not specified on the Mr. Coffee, inc. product. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

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