

# AROMA®

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Electric Water Kettle &  
Tea Brewer

Instruction Manual



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With the **AROMA** Clar-i-Tea you can have tea time in no time. The stainless steel tea infuser is great for both loose leaf and bagged teas, allowing for any favorite tea variety. And with 1,500 watts of power, that tea will be ready in minutes. Marvel at the beauty of the process thanks to the transparency of the Clar-i-Tea's glass carafe.

In addition to quickly brewing tea, the Clar-i-Tea's quick boiling ability is excellent for hot chocolate, instant coffee, oatmeal, instant soups, noodles, baby formula, powdered beverages and more!

This manual contains instructions for the proper use and care of your new electric water kettle. For more new home appliance ideas please visit us online at **[www.AromaCo.com](http://www.AromaCo.com)**.

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# IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

*Basic safety precautions should always be followed when using electrical appliances, including the following:*

1. **Read all instructions before using the appliance.**
2. Before connecting the kettle to a power supply, check that the voltage of the appliance (120V) corresponds with the voltage in your home.
3. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs. The glass carafe becomes extremely hot.
4. Operate the kettle on a heat-resistant, flat surface out of the reach of small children.
5. To prevent electrical hazards, do not immerse cord, plug or kettle in water or any other liquid. See instructions for cleaning.
6. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is near children. Children are not intended to operate this appliance.
7. Always unplug appliance from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before cleaning and handling.
8. Do not operate the appliance without water. Should it be operated without water, the boil-dry protection will shut the power off automatically. Allow the kettle to cool before refilling.
9. Do not operate appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or is dropped or damaged in any manner. Contact Aroma customer service for examination, repair or electrical/mechanical adjustment.
10. Do not use the base for other than its intended use.
11. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries.
12. Do not use outdoors.
13. Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter or touch hot surfaces.
14. Do not place kettle on or near a hot gas or electric burner or in a heated oven.
15. To disconnect, turn any control to the "Off" position, then remove the plug.

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## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

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16. Exercise caution when opening the lid for refilling, as kettle will remain hot for some time.
17. Pour hot water slowly and with care when serving.
18. Exercise caution when moving the appliance while full of hot water.
19. Wind any excess cord length into the cord storage portion of the base during operation.
20. While in the boiling process, avoid any steam escaping from the spout as it may cause scalding.
21. Be sure the power cord is plugged correctly and securely into the proper AC power outlet.
22. Do not use the kettle for anything other than its intended use.
23. The power base must only be used with the provided kettle.
24. Only use the kettle to heat water. No other liquids should be placed inside the kettle.
25. Do not unscrew any screws on the kettle or power base or attempt to disassemble them in any way.
26. Do not move the kettle during the boiling process.
27. This appliance is for household use only.
28. Do not immerse this appliance or any of its parts, other than the removable filter, in water.
29. Scalding may occur if the lid is removed during the boiling process.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## SHORT CORD INSTRUCTIONS

1. A short power-supply cord is provided to reduce the risks resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.
2. Longer extension cords are available and may be used if care is exercised in their use.
3. If a longer extension cord is used:
  - a. The marked electrical rating of the extension cord should be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance.
  - b. The longer cord should be arranged so that it will not drape over the countertop or tabletop where it can be pulled by children or tripped over unintentionally.



## POLARIZED PLUG

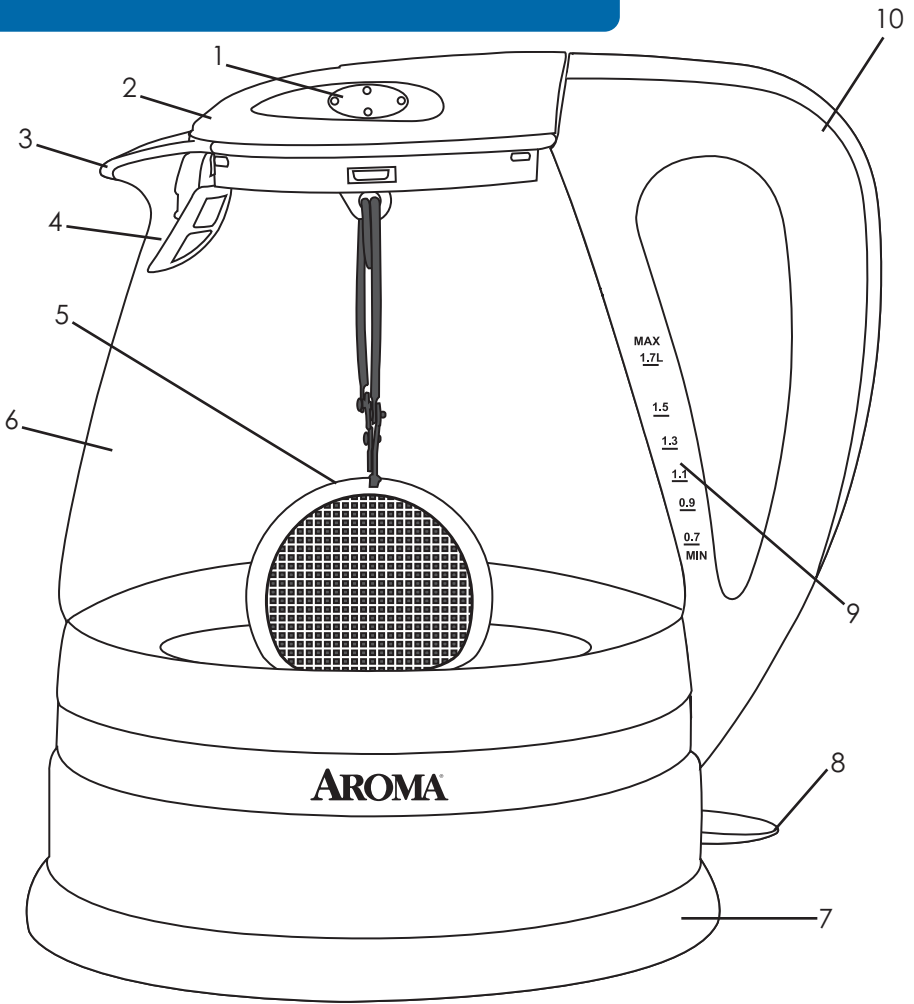
This appliance has a **polarized plug** (one blade is wider than the other); follow the instructions below:

To reduce the risk of electric shock, this plug is intended to fit into a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to modify the plug in any way.

If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent or a similarly qualified person in order to avoid a hazard.

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# PARTS IDENTIFICATION



1. Lid Release Buttons
2. Lid
3. Spout
4. Decalcification Filter
5. Stainless Steel Tea Infuser
6. Glass Carafe
7. Power Base
8. Power Switch
9. Water Level Indicator Lines
10. Cool-Touch Handle

# USING YOUR WATER KETTLE

## Before First Use:

Before using for the first time, it is recommended to clean the interior of the kettle thoroughly. Please follow the procedure below before using the kettle:

1. Remove all packing materials and make sure that product is received in good condition.
2. Taking care to keep the electrical components on the exterior of the kettle dry, wipe out the interior of the kettle with a damp, soapy cloth. If your hand will not fit inside the kettle, swish warm, soapy water around in the interior of the kettle with the lid closed.
3. Rinse out the inside of the kettle thoroughly with water.
4. With a damp cloth, gently wipe off the exterior of the kettle. Do not wipe off electrical components. This may cause damage to the unit.
5. Dry all parts completely.
6. It is also recommended to run your kettle through one boiling cycle before using it to consume beverages. Following the instructions in the "Boiling Water" section below, boil one kettle of water. When water has boiled, pour it out and rinse the inside of the kettle once more. Your kettle is now ready for use.

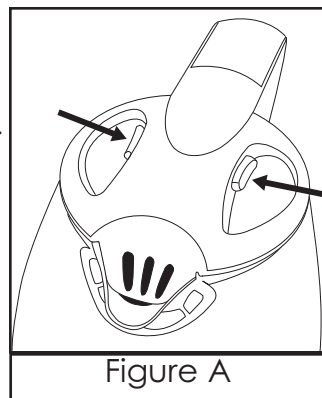
## BOILING WATER:

1. Place power base on a sturdy, level heat-resistant surface.
2. Remove the kettle lid and fill with water through lid opening. To remove the lid, press the lid release buttons on the lid and lift as shown in **Figure A**.
3. Fill the kettle with the appropriate amount of water. Do not fill past the "MAX" line on the water level indicator. **Never fill kettle with any liquid other than water.**

### **HELPFUL HINT:**

Use distilled water when possible for best taste and to minimize mineral build-up in the kettle.

3. Close the lid until it locks securely into place.
4. Making sure the kettle and power base are completely dry and sitting on a level, sturdy and heat-resistant surface, place the kettle onto the power base and plug cord into a wall outlet.
5. Push up the power switch, located on the power base, to begin the boiling process. The indicator light will illuminate.



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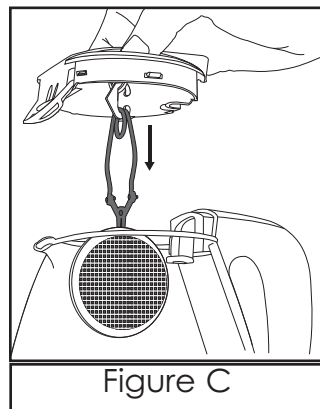
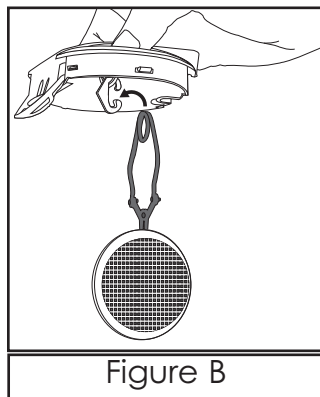
## BOILING WATER (CONT.):

6. **Never open lid while water is boiling.**
7. Once the water has boiled, the kettle will release the power switch. The power indicator light will turn off, and the unit will automatically shut off.
8. Lift the kettle off the power base before pouring, using the cool-touch handle. Take care not to touch the glass carafe, as it will be hot.
9. After pouring, make sure the bottom of the kettle and the power base are dry before placing kettle on the power base.
10. When not in use, pour out any unused water and unplug the power base from the wall outlet.

## MAKING TEA:

The stainless steel tea infuser is able to hold either loose leaf or bagged teas; ideal for your favorite tea variety or for finding a new favorite.

1. Place power base on a sturdy, level and heat-resistant surface.
2. Follow steps 1 through 7 of "Boiling Water" beginning on **page 4**.
3. The kettle will automatically shut off once water has reached a rolling boil.
4. **Using caution as kettle and water will be extremely hot**, remove the kettle lid. To remove the lid, press the dual lid release buttons on the lid as shown in **Figure A** on **page 4**.
5. Open the tea infuser by squeezing its handle. With the tea infuser head open, fill it with the desired tea to be used. Any loose leaf or bagged tea will work.
6. Attach the tea infuser to the lid. Hook the looped end of the infuser into place as shown in **Figure B**.
7. Place the infuser into the kettle as shown in **Figure C**. Attach the lid by pressing the two lid release buttons, ensuring it locks in place.
8. Refer to tea package instructions for preferred steeping/brewing times.



## HOW TO CLEAN

1. **Always unplug unit and allow to cool completely before cleaning.**
2. Wipe the exterior of the kettle with a clean, damp cloth, taking care to avoid electrical components. Use a soft cloth to dry.
3. To clean the interior of the kettle, use a soft sponge and soapy water to gently scrub. If your hand will not fit inside the kettle, swish warm, soapy water around the inside of the kettle with the lid closed. Rinse thoroughly with water.
4. Dispose of used tea leaves or tea bags from the tea infuser. Wash the tea infuser with warm, soapy water. Dry with a soft cloth.

### CAUTION:

- Never attempt to disassemble the kettle or power base.
- Never immerse the kettle, cord, plug or power base in water. Always take care not to allow electrical components to come into contact with water.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads of any kind on the kettle or power base. This may cause damage to the kettle's surface and may create a risk of electric shock.

## REMOVING MINERAL DEPOSITS

Hard water can leave mineral deposits that create scale build-up on the interior of the kettle. To avoid this build-up, it is best to always use distilled water. If mineral deposits do occur, follow the instructions below to remove them.

1. Fill the kettle halfway with water and bring to a boil.
2. Add one cup of white vinegar. Let the mixture soak overnight or for at least 6 hours.
3. Empty the mixture and rinse out the kettle.
4. Refill the kettle with water only. Bring to a boil and empty again.
5. Repeat as needed.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
<p><b>The kettle and indicator light do not work when the power switch is up.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure the kettle is seated properly on the power base and that the base is connected to a functioning electrical outlet.</li> <li>• If problem persists, please contact our customer service department toll-free at (800) 276-6286.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The water is boiling, but the power switch and indicator light do not turn off.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The auto-shut off function will not operate properly if the lid is not completely closed. Allow kettle to cool, then check to see that the lid is properly locked into place.</li> <li>• If problem persists, please contact our customer service department toll-free at (800) 276-6286.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The power switch won't depress and the kettle will not turn on.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure that the kettle is seated properly on the power base and that the base is connected to a functioning electrical outlet.</li> <li>• Water or debris on the bottom of the kettle or on the power base may interfere with the functioning of the kettle. Be sure that the base of the kettle and the power base are dry and free of debris.</li> <li>• If problem persists, please contact our customer service department toll-free at (800) 276-6286.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The brewed tea is too weak in taste.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For a stronger brew, tea may be added to or refilled in the stainless steel tea infuser. Allow for tea to steep longer, and a more robust taste should be the result.</li> </ul>
<p><b>There are mineral deposits on the interior of the kettle.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A certain amount of scale build-up is normal after long periods of use and is caused by minerals contained in hard water. The best way to prevent mineral deposits is to always use distilled water in the kettle.</li> <li>• To remove deposits, try filling the kettle with water and adding a few slices of lemon, then boil. If this does not work, please see the section on <b>page 6</b> entitled "Removing Mineral Deposits."</li> </ul>

# NOTES

# LIMITED WARRANTY

Aroma Housewares Company warrants this product free from defects in material and workmanship for one year from provable date of purchase in the continental United States.

Within this warranty period, Aroma Housewares Company will repair or replace, at its option, defective parts at no charge, provided the product is returned, freight prepaid with proof of purchase and U.S. \$10.00 for shipping and handling charges payable to Aroma Housewares Company. Before returning an item, please call the toll free number below for a return authorization number. Allow 2-4 weeks for return shipping.

This warranty does not cover improper installation, misuse, abuse or neglect on the part of the owner. Warranty is also invalid in any case that the product is taken apart or serviced by an unauthorized service station.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, which may vary from state to state, and does not cover areas outside the United States.

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