

# Marianne's Rentals for SPECIAL EVENTS

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## Product Instructions: Popcorn Machine

This popper operates on standard voltages, 120 volt, 60 cycle, single phase, AC current.

**EXTENSION CORDS:** Extension cords should not be used. You should have a properly sized outlet right at the machine. Fires can result from a light duty extension cord that overheats due to overload. You need a No. 12 wire for these machines. If you go over 25 feet from the outlet, a No. 10 wire would be required. The extensions must have a properly connected ground wire or you lose the safety features built into this machine.

**CONTROLS:** There are three switches on the popper.

1. LIGHT AND WARMER SWITCH – turns on heat lamp and optional strip heater under corn pan.
2. KETTLE MOTOR SWITCH – turns on motor which drives kettle agitator shaft.
3. KETTLE HEAT SWITCH – turns on heat element inside kettle

**CAUTION:** The motor air intake and exhaust holes located on top of machine must be clear of any obstruction. Do not cover air vent holes. Do not touch kettle while it is hot.

### TO START POPPING:

1. Turn "Kettle Heat" switch and "Kettle Motor & Exhaust" switch on.
2. "Test pop" a kettle of corn.
  - A. Place one fourth (1/4) of the proper oil measure in the kettle along with three kernels of unpopped corn.
  - B. As soon as the three kernels pop, place the balance of the oil, plus the measured amount of corn and "Flavacol" (if needed) in the kettle. Close lid.
3. After the corn has finished popping, rotate the handle to dump the popcorn still in the kettle. Return the kettle to the upright position.
4. Repeat the cycle starting with item No. 2 (eliminate the "three kernel test pop" step) and put a full charge of ingredients in at the same time to pop another kettle of corn. NOTE: Always pop 4 to 5 batches of corn in a row. The quality and flavor are better on No. 2, 3, 4, and 5 than on the initial batch.
5. On the final kettle of corn, it is a good idea to turn the "Kettle Heat" switch off just as the lids are forced open by the popping corn. This saves electricity, since there is plenty of heat in the kettle and also helps eliminate smoke and odor after you have stopped popping. When you are finished popping, make sure "Kettle Heat" and "Kettle Motor & Exhaust" switches are turned "Off." Never leave the heat on when you are not popping. If you place oil on a hot kettle, remember to finish that popping cycle or turn off the kettle. Exposure to heat starts to break down color and flavor of popcorn oils. Always wipe the complete exterior of your kettle with a heavy cloth immediately after you finish popping and the kettle has cooled. Oil drippings will come off quite easily at this time, but will burn on and stain if not removed.
6. Turn all switches "off" at the close of your operations.

### CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS:

After you finish popping for the day or your event, let the kettle cool until it is not too hot to handle, but still warm. Unplug the kettle and remove it from the machine. With a cloth, wipe the outside of the kettle, the kettle lids, the kettle crossbar, outside of the kettle and underneath. Do not dunk the kettle in water!

### FOR FRESH CORN TOMORROW:

Always remove all the popped popcorn and pack it into clean plastic bags. Tie this tightly with a twister and you can enjoy fresh popcorn again tomorrow. Make sure the machine is sparkling clean when you return it to avoid cleaning charges. Don't forget to remove the old maid pan and empty out the unpopped kernels. Wipe clean.