

## Household Appliance Fast Fixes

Whether you live at home with your family or have your own place, you don't need to be [Ron Swanson](#) to keep the appliances you rely on in good working order! Tackling your own appliance repair will give you a great sense of accomplishment—and save you money too!

How about writing a Fast Fix guide that teaches others to fix or maintain their appliances? Here's a list of topics to help get you started, though there are plenty of other possible fixes out there. Just be sure that your proposed fix isn't already documented on [iFixit.com](#).

Since repair procedures are different for every appliance, search the site using the full name of the device you want to work on. For example: If you'd like to create a heating element replacement guide for your dryer, search for "Kenmore Elite HE3 Dryer" and not just "Dryer" or "Kenmore Dryer."

In your proposal, don't forget to include the **full name** of your appliance as well—including **manufacturer** and **model number**—so that we know exactly which device you are hoping to work on.

### Oven/Stove

- Replace the glow coil igniter of your gas oven
- Replace the faulty wire ends of the heating element (electric oven)
- Replace the flame sensor of your gas oven
- Clean/replace a clouded oven door glass
- Replace an electric stove burner socket
- Replace the infinite switch on your electric stove
- Replace the heating/bake element
- Replace the oven light bulb
- Replace the temperature sensor
- Replace the selector switch
- Replace the broil element
- Replace the clock timer
- Replace the main terminal block
- Replace the front drawer glide
- Replace the limit thermostat

### Range Hood

- Lubricate/replace the blower motor
- Lubricate/replace the exhaust fan motor
- Lubricate/replace the fan motor
- Check/replace the blower wheel
- Check/replace the blower wheel and housing
- Replace the fan blade
- Replace the hood lamp bulbs
- Replace the light assembly
- Replace the fan or light switch
- Replace the main control board
- Replace the push button switch
- Replace the rocker switch
- Replace the rotary switch
- Replace the selector switch
- Replace the thermal fuse
- Replace the microswitch
- Replace the user control and display board
- Replace the drive motor

### Garbage Disposal

- Replace the garbage disposal
- Replace the start switch
- Replace the shredding plate

### Refrigerator/Freezer

- Unblock the saddle valve
- Replace the inlet valve
- Replace the water supply line tube
- Replace the refrigerator/freezer light bulb
- Replace a broken circuit board
- Replace the evaporator fan (freezer)
- Replace the condenser fan
- Replace the compressor
- Replace a broken water dispenser switch
- Replace the start relay
- Replace the temperature control thermostat
- Replace the start capacitor
- Replace the temperature control board
- Replace the thermistor
- Replace the main control board
- Replace the dispenser control board
- Replace the door switch
- Replace the water filter
- Replace the ice maker assembly
- Replace the ice maker module
- Replace the ice level control board
- Replace the ice maker mold thermostat
- Replace the ice maker switch
- Replace the auger motor
- Replace the dispenser actuator
- Replace the dispenser door motor
- Replace the dispenser solenoid
- Replace the ice crusher blade

### Trash Compactor

- Replace the start switch
- Replace the door switch
- Replace the drive motor
- Replace the safety switch
- Lubricate/replace the trunnion nut
- Replace the drive gear
- Replace the gearbox or gearbox assembly
- Tighten/replace the drive train
- Replace the directional switch
- Replace the door latch
- Replace the foot pedal

### Dishwasher

- Remove and clean the dishwasher spray arm
- Remove and replace the dishwasher spray arm
- Remove and clean the dishwasher float switch
- Clean a clogged intake valve screen
- Replace the intake/inlet valve
- Replace the dishwasher door gasket
- Replace the sump seal, pump gasket
- Replace the motor shaft seal
- Replace the drain and wash impeller
- Replace the pump and motor assembly
- Replace the drain pump
- Replace the rack adjusters
- Replace the drain solenoid
- Replace the hose clamp
- Replace the circulation pump
- Replace the electronic control board

### Air Conditioning Unit

- Check and replace a blown fuse in the disconnect block
- Replace the start/run capacitor
- Replace the A/C contactor
- Replace the fan motor
- Replace the compressor
- Test/replace the thermistors (temperature sensor) on a split A/C
- Clean/replace the filter of a window A/C
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- Clean the coil's fins of a window A/C
- Lubricate the motor and bearings of a window A/C
- Clean the thermostat of a window A/C

### Furnace

- Change a furnace filter
- Remove/clean the blower (squirrel cage)
- Clean the blower blades
- Clean/replace the flame sensor
- Replace the furnace humidifier
- Adjust or replace the drive belt
- Lubricate the bearings
- Seal leaky air ducts
- Replace the igniter
- Clear the pressure switch tubing
- Flush out drain lines

### Water Heater

- Replace the sacrificial anode
- Test/replace the water heater element
- Replace the thermocouple
- Replace the gas valve and thermostat assembly
- Replace the pilot
- Replace the dip tube
- Replace the temperature and pressure relief valve
- Replace the drain valve
- Replace the igniter
- Replace the spark electrode
- Replace the pressure switch
- Replace the thermostat
- Replace the ignition module
- Replace the draft inducer module

### Dehumidifier

- Replace the bucket switch
- Replace the humidistat
- Replace the control board
- Replace the humidity sensor
- Replace the compressor
- Tighten/replace the fan blade
- Replace the fan motor
- Replace the blower wheel
- Replace the air filter
- Replace the water bucket

### Dryer

- Test/replace the thermostat of a gas or electric dryer
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- Test/replace the igniter of a gas dryer
- Test/replace the heating element of an electric dryer
- Clean out dryer lint buildup
- Replace the door switch
- Replace the drum support rollers
- Replace the radiant sensor
- Replace the gas valve solenoids/coils
- Replace the dryer belt
- Replace the door latch
- Replace the tensioner

### Washer

- Replace a broken coupler
- Replace a broken pump
- Replace the water valve
- Replace the lid switch
- Find and clean the filter of a front-load machine
- Replace the agitator dogs
- Replace the tub seal
- Replace the spider assembly
- Replace the clutch assembly
- Replace the drain pump and motor assembly
- Replace the thrust spacer
- Replace the agitator cam kit
- Replace the brake rotor
- Replace the timer
- Replace the door lock latch