

# Repair vs Replace: Halifax Homeowner Quick Guide

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## THE 50% RULE

If repair cost > 50% of replacement cost AND the appliance is past 50% of its expected lifespan, it's usually time to replace.

## AVERAGE APPLIANCE LIFESPANS

Refrigerator:	13-17 years
Washing machine:	10-14 years
Dryer:	11-13 years
Dishwasher:	9-12 years
Oven / Range:	13-15 years
Microwave (countertop):	7-10 years
Freezer (upright):	12-15 years

## ALWAYS REPAIR (regardless of age)

- Dryer heating element or thermal fuse (\$20-\$50 part)
- Fridge door gasket or door handle
- Dishwasher door latch or spray arm
- Washing machine lid switch or inlet valve
- Oven igniter (gas) or broil element

## USUALLY REPLACE (if appliance is over half lifespan)

- Fridge compressor (repair = \$600-\$1,200 on a 10+ year old unit)
- Washing machine drum bearing or transmission
- Dishwasher control board on a 10+ year old unit
- Any appliance with multiple repairs in 12 months
- Any appliance that draws significantly more power than new models

## HALIFAX-SPECIFIC NOTE

Salt air from Halifax Harbour accelerates corrosion on exterior panels and exposed metal components. A unit showing surface rust at 8 years may still have perfectly good mechanical components. Don't replace based on cosmetics alone.