

# Repair vs. Replace: Quick Decision Guide for Barrie Homeowners

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## The 50% Rule

If the repair cost is more than 50% of what a replacement would cost, consider replacing. Example: A \$400 repair on a \$700 washer = 57% ratio. Time to shop for a new one.

## Average Appliance Lifespan

Appliance	Average Lifespan	Consider Replacing After
Refrigerator	10 to 15 years	12+ years
Washing Machine	10 to 12 years	10+ years
Dryer	10 to 13 years	11+ years
Dishwasher	8 to 12 years	10+ years
Oven / Range	13 to 15 years	13+ years
Microwave	7 to 10 years	8+ years

## Signs it is time to replace

- Repair cost exceeds 50% of replacement cost
- Appliance has needed 2+ repairs in the past 2 years
- Parts are no longer available or have long lead times
- Energy bills have increased noticeably
- Appliance is past its expected lifespan
- Safety issue involved (gas smell, electrical burn smell)

## Usually worth repairing (if not near end of life)

- Refrigerator door gasket replacement (\$50 to \$150)
- Washing machine lid switch (\$30 to \$100)

- Dryer heating element replacement (\$80 to \$200)
- Dishwasher spray arm or door latch (\$40 to \$120)
- Oven igniter or thermostat (\$80 to \$200)

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