

Stove vs. Oven: Quick Repair Reference Guide

What is a stove vs. an oven?

Stove = the cooking surface with burners. Oven = the enclosed baking/roasting chamber. A range combines both. A cooktop is a stove without an oven.

Common stove repair issues

- Gas burner won't ignite: clean the igniter port with a toothpick first
- Electric burner not heating: swap with another burner to test (element vs. switch)
- Induction cooktop errors: confirm induction-compatible cookware (magnet test)
- Clicking won't stop: wet spark module, dry it out before calling

Common oven repair issues

- Oven won't heat at all: check bake element for visible break/blister
- Temperature off by 25-50 degrees: likely a bad temperature sensor (\$80-160)
- Gas oven won't ignite: weak igniter, requires TSSA-licensed tech in Ontario
- Stopped after self-clean cycle: control board failure (most common result)

Repair cost guide (London, ON 2026)

- Coil element replacement: \$120-180 installed
- Temperature sensor: \$80-160 installed
- Igniter (gas): \$150-250 installed (licensed tech required)
- Control board: \$200-400 depending on brand/model
- Service call: \$60-80 (applied to repair cost)

When to call a tech (not DIY)

- Any gas component is involved - TSSA regulations apply in Ontario
- Sparking, arcing, or burning smell from the appliance
- Self-clean cycle completed and oven stopped working
- Temperature swings wildly, not just a consistent offset
- Error codes return after reset on newer digital ranges

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