

Leaking Fridge Diagnostic Checklist

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Step 1: Find the source

1 Note where the water sits

Front means door or level; back means drain or pan; inside under drawers means a frozen defrost drain.

2 Check the door gasket

Close the door on a slip of paper. If it pulls out freely, the seal is worn.

3 Check that the fridge is level

A slight forward tilt sends water to the door instead of the drain.

Step 2: Safe homeowner fixes

1 Thaw the defrost drain

Pour a cup of warm water down the drain opening. Never use a metal tool.

2 Clean the gasket

Wipe the door seal with warm soapy water and check for cracks.

3 Reseat or check the drain pan

A cracked or overflowing pan under the fridge drips onto the floor.

4 Watch for two weeks

If the leak returns, a part has likely failed. Call a technician.

Call a technician if

1 The leak is at the water line

Ice maker and dispenser supply leaks need proper repair.

2 The drain refreezes

A repeat freeze usually means a failed drain heater or check valve.

3 You see water near electrical parts

Unplug safely, keep dry, and do not troubleshoot it yourself.

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