Gas Stove Igniter Quick Check Guide

What to look for, what is safe to check yourself, and what to ask a technician

Signs to watch for

1. **Continuous clicking with no flame**
   One or more burners click steadily without ever lighting.
2. **Clicking that starts late**
   The igniter takes several turns of the knob before it begins clicking at all.
3. **Weak or intermittent sparking**
   The clicking sounds slower or less steady than it used to.
4. **Burner keeps clicking after it lights**
   The flame catches but the igniter does not stop sparking.

What you can safely check

1. **Power to the range**
   Confirm the outlet or breaker feeding the range has power, since electronic ignition needs household electricity.
2. **Which burners are affected**
   Note whether it is one burner or all of them, since that points a technician in a different direction.
3. **Debris around the igniter**
   With the stove off and cool, gently brush away visible crumbs or grease near the igniter tip.
4. **The burner cap**
   Check that it is seated fully and facing the right way.

Questions to ask your technician

1. **Is this the igniter, the spark module, or something else**
   Ask them to name the part, not just the fix.
2. **Does this involve the gas side of the range**
   Understanding whether the issue touches gas supply or just the electrical ignition helps you follow along.
3. **What upkeep helps this from recurring**
   A quick answer here can save a repeat visit.

Match the signs to the right step, and keep a technician's number handy for anything that touches the gas side of the range.

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