

Oven Element Warning Signs Checklist

Spot a failing element early, from Max Appliance Repair Hamilton

The four signs to watch for

- 1 Food cooks unevenly or stays raw**
One side browns, the other stays pale; baking or broiling fails.
- 2 The element does not glow evenly**
Part of the coil stays dark, or it never glows at all.
- 3 Visible damage or burn marks**
Blistering, a burnt-through spot, or a spark as it fails.
- 4 Slow preheat and higher bills**
Longer to reach temperature and longer run times.

Before you blame the element

- 1 Check rack position and preheat**
A crowded oven or skipped preheat mimics element failure.
- 2 Compare bake versus broil**
Test each element separately to find the faulty one.
- 3 Rule out the temperature sensor**
A normal glow but wrong temperature points to the sensor.

Safety and when to call a pro

- 1 Switch off the breaker before any repair**
Electric ovens run on 240 volts; turning the oven off is not enough.
- 2 Stop at sparks, smells, or a tripped breaker**
Shock and fire risk; book a technician.
- 3 Leave gas ovens to a licensed technician**
Gas ovens have no electric bake element; the igniter is the usual cause.

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