

Refrigerator Clicking Noise: A Quick Guide

Decode the click and know what to do, from Max Appliance Repair Miami

Normal clicks (no action needed)

1 Defrost timer click

A single click a few times a day as the fridge enters defrost.

2 Water valve click

A click followed by water running to fill the ice maker.

3 Thermostat / damper click

A click as the fridge adjusts to hold its set temperature.

Warning clicks (act soon)

1 Click, pause, click every few minutes

Start relay or compressor struggling, especially if the fridge is warming up.

2 Loud, irregular clicking or knocking

Possible damaged compressor; get it diagnosed.

3 Ticking while running

Something may be hitting the condenser fan; check for ice or debris.

Do this first (unplug)

1 Check the temperature

Cold with occasional clicks is usually normal; warm with rhythmic clicks is not.

2 Vacuum the condenser coils

Overheating from dusty coils mimics a failing relay; clean them first.

3 Use a clean wall outlet

Rule out weak voltage from a power strip or long cord.

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