Power Surge Basics: A Quick Guide for Kitchen Appliances

What to check before and after a surge, and what to ask a professional

Before a Storm

1. **Know which appliances are most exposed**

   Anything with a digital control board, like a range, dishwasher, or microwave, is generally more sensitive than an older analog model.

2. **Consider point of use protection**

   A surge protection strip rated for major appliances is one option worth asking an electrician about.

3. **Unplug sensitive countertop appliances**

   Doing this ahead of a severe storm warning removes one more path a surge could take.

During and After

1. **Check your breaker panel first**

   A tripped breaker is often the simplest explanation and the easiest one to rule out.

2. **Note which appliances stopped responding**

   A clear list helps a technician narrow down what to check first.

3. **Avoid repeatedly resetting an appliance**

   Cycling power on and off can make it harder for a technician to diagnose what actually happened.

Questions to Ask

1. **Is this a surge, or a separate issue**

   Ask a technician to walk you through how they tell the difference before any repair begins.

2. **What protection options fit my panel**

   A licensed electrician can explain what is available for your specific electrical setup.

3. **Does my policy address surge related damage**

   Coverage varies by insurer and policy, so this is worth confirming directly with your provider.

Treat a surge as a signal to check, not a reason to panic, and confirm the details with a qualified professional.

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