

Labor Day Appliance Breakdown Data: Refrigerators and Stoves See Major Spike in Failures During Holiday Weekend

New study by Select Home Warranty finds holiday entertaining causes a 43% increase in fridge problems as summer comes to an end.

MAHWAH, NJ, UNITED STATES, August 26, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- While many Americans are busy preparing barbecues and hosting parties on

Labor Day, it is their home appliances that will be doing all the work. Based on the new internal statistics provided by [Select Home Warranty](#), one of the leading companies providing home warranties in the United States, the number of claims made during Labor Day weekend is significantly higher than usual, mostly in regard to refrigerators and cooking appliances.

Claim indexing against seasonal August and September norms revealed that Select Home Warranty's "stress points" for kitchen work at home were:

- Refrigerators Rise (+43%): Index of refrigerator claims at 1.43x compared to the baseline during Labor Day. It is the most significant deviation found among all types of home appliances.
- Stoves/Ovens Increase (+39%): Claims for cooking appliances reach 1.39x compared to the baseline as preparation for the holiday feast peaks.

Data highlights the distinct pressures of festive hospitality on household equipment. Constantly opening the fridge door on hot summer days, overloading the shelves with party trays, and operating kitchen appliances nonstop for big parties often put older equipment to the test.

"While Labor Day is often regarded as the unofficial close of summer, it is among the busiest days of the year for our kitchen appliances," explained Marc Shapiro of Select Home Warranty. "A broken-down fridge with plenty of food to store around the holiday season isn't merely a hassle, but rather a matter of serious financial consequence that cannot be postponed. According to our research, peak demand holidays provide us with an opportunity to examine how we stress-test home systems."



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In order to protect yourself against breakdowns during the holidays, Select Home Warranty suggests you take three actions:

1. Clean Refrigerator Coils: Dust and debris force the compressor to work harder, especially when cleaning refrigerator coils. Debris causes the compressor to work harder, particularly if the doors are frequently open.
2. No Overloading Vents: Make sure the airflow vents are not being blocked by platters or ice chests.
3. Testing Ovens and Stoves: Heating elements should be run a day before preparing large meals.

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