

GARAGE DOOR MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Use this **seasonal garage door maintenance guide** to determine what you should be looking for during these inspections.

Visual Inspection of Garage Door and Components

- Broken rollers, bent shafts or worn-out bearings
- Frayed or worn-out cables
- Warped, loose or cracked glass panels
- Gaps or tears in the weatherstripping
- Malfunctioning, missing, loose or broken door handles
- Loose or bent hinges
- Missing or loose bolts or screws on the tracks
- Bends or creases in the tracks
- Dents or cracks in the door panels
- Broken or damaged springs

Door Operation

- Test the Garage Door's Balance
- Open and Close the Door

Test Your Automatic Garage Door Opener

- Test and replace the batteries on the remote
- Test the backup battery
- Check and replace the light bulbs
- Check for a working safety feature
- Remove or disable door locks
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions
- Place an object in the photo eyes' path
- Clean the photo-eyes
- Keep objects away from the door

Lubricate All Metal Parts of Your Garage Door

- Hinges
- Metal rollers (do not lubricate nylon rollers)
- Lift cables at bottom bracket button
- Lock and keyhole where surfaces slide or turn
- Torsion springs to decrease friction between coils
- Arm bar
- Bearing plates

Clean and Wax the Door

- Clear the tracks
- Wash your entire door
- Inspect your door and weatherstripping for mold

Clean and Maintain Your Garage Door's Windows

- Remove decorative inserts
- Wash the windows
- Replace the glass

Paint Your Garage Door

- Choose a high-quality paint
- Prepare the garage door surface
- Pre-test the paint

