



## How to Make Your Garage Doors Last Longer

Even if you get the most affordable garage door repair services in your area, the cost is high, especially if the household is on a tight budget. This is why the work doesn't stop when the technician leaves your home. After any type of garage door service, whether it be for repairs, part replacement or even simple maintenance work, you have to keep your end of the bargain to make sure this time, the garage doors last longer.

Preventive maintenance is the key

Making your doors last longer doesn't mean you take it upon yourself to conduct repairs. Door parts are extremely sensitive to tension, so tinkering around with your garage door not only harms the door, but you as well. Preventive maintenance is more about knowing how to properly use the garage door and knowing what to do when something is up.

For this, it is important to read the manual. Yes, most homeowners never read the manual that comes with their garage doors. However, all doors are different, and some may require special care that's detailed in the manufacturer's instructions. If you easily get bored reading manuals, remember to ask our garage door repair technician for tips the next time he comes around.

Preventive maintenance is different from DIY repair projects, but can help a lot in prolonging the lifespan of the door. Regular lubrication with WD-40 on the springs and tracks can prevent rust and jamming. There are also several diagnostic tests you can perform on the automatic opener system to check if it is still in working condition without having to touch or mess around with the other parts.

Handle with care

Although garage doors are sturdy, you should remember that they are exposed to harsh weather elements every day. Coupled with daily wear and tear, the door takes a beating daily, and the best thing you can do is to lessen the burden. Always treat the door with care. Use the door only when needed, and never leave it open for a long time.

If you have kids in the house, remind them never to play with the garage doors. Never give them the remote for the automatic opener system. If you are using manual doors, don't force it open or close if it seems jammed or broken. Call our professional instead. If there is anything in the door system that doesn't work the way it's supposed to, don't use force – it will only

make the problem bigger.

If you have an automatic opener system and you are going on a vacation, remember to turn it off. Just like humans, garage doors need regular care from a professional. Don't just call in a technician when there's trouble. It's a good idea to get the doors checked especially after harsh conditions, like winter or after a huge storm or hurricane.

You might feel disappointed that this article did not go into specific details on how to tweak your garage door to lengthen its lifespan. Although DIY projects are generally fun and educational, in some ways the door may last longer if they are left to professional like us. The best thing a homeowner can do is to care for it well daily and watch out for the first signs of trouble.

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