

Hurricane Garage Door Prep: Room-by-Room Guide

Homeowner Name: _____

Date of Prep: _____

Hurricane Name (if applicable): _____

GARAGE AREA

Tasks:

- **Inspect door panels** for dents, rust, or cracks.
- **Check and tighten hardware** – hinges, brackets, and rollers.
- **Inspect weather stripping** for gaps or damage.
- **Lubricate moving parts** (springs, rollers, tracks).
- **Install a bracing kit** (or verify it's installed and secure).
- **Test manual operation** in case of power outage.
- **Reinforce garage door** with vertical and horizontal supports.
- **Remove or secure loose items** (bikes, tools, trash bins).
- **Check garage door opener** battery backup (if available).

Supplies Needed:

- Wrench
- Lubricant spray
- Bracing kit or wood planks
- Weather stripping
- Flashlight & batteries

STORAGE / UTILITY ROOM (if connected to garage)

Tasks:

- Move stored items away from doors and windows.
- Elevate valuable or moisture-sensitive items.
- Store heavy tools low to the ground to prevent tipping.

ELECTRICAL PANEL ROOM

Tasks:

- Know where the **garage circuit breaker** is located.
- Unplug non-essential electronics in the garage.

BEDROOMS / MAIN HOUSE

Tasks (related to garage):

- Move cars into the garage early.
- Make sure garage remote works properly.
- Keep garage door closed during storm updates.

OUTSIDE AREA (around garage)

Tasks:

- Clear gutters and drainage near the garage.

- Trim overhanging branches.
- Remove potted plants, lawn tools, or decor.



EMERGENCY NOTES

- **Garage Door Emergency Release Cord:**
Learn how to use it. Usually, a red cord hangs from the opener trolley.
- **After the Storm:**
 - Inspect door tracks and hardware for damage.
 - Check for water intrusion or mold.
 - Avoid using the automatic opener until the door is confirmed safe.