YOUR STORM-SEASON CHECKLIST

GARAGE DOOR

Small checks now. Fewer surprises when storms hit.

1 Check now

- ☐ **Watch and listen.** Grinding, jerking or a crooked door? Book a technician. Never adjust springs or cables.
- ☐ **Check seals and panels.** Look for wear, rust and damage. Test remotes and batteries.
- ☐ **Know the manual release.** Practise in calm weather, following your manual, with the door closed and undamaged.

2 Before bad weather

- ☐ **Close the door early,** before strong winds arrive. Never run the motor with a manual lock engaged.
- ☐ **Put loose items away.** Secure bins, tools and outdoor furniture. Do not improvise door bracing.
- ☐ **Clear driveway drains.** Remove leaves and debris before heavy rain.

03 POWER & SURGE PROTECTION

Surges can damage control boards. Ask a licensed electrician about suitable surge protection. It reduces risk, but cannot guarantee lightning protection.

Close first, then unplug safely. Well before the storm, switch off and unplug the opener only if its plug is dry and safely accessible. Never touch plugs during lightning or in wet conditions.

Battery or solar? Systems may stay active with mains off. Follow your manual; do not disconnect wiring yourself.

4 During & after

- ☐ **Shelter during strong winds.** Do not operate or try to secure the door.
- ☐ **Check the whole door path.** Wind-blown items near rollers, tracks or underneath can cause reversal or jams. Clear only when stationary and safe.
- ☐ **Crooked or stuck?** Stop pressing the remote. Do not force or manually release it, or reach beneath it.

5 Insurance check

- ☐ **Check storm and flood cover.** Confirm your door and motor are included; check excesses and exclusions.
- ☐ **Save “before” photos** and service records with your policy and claims contact.
- ☐ **After damage, photograph safely.** Contact your insurer before authorising repairs.

Follow your model’s instructions and local emergency advice.
Do not enter floodwater. Keep clear of wet electrical equipment.
Insurance cover depends on your policy and insurer approval. This guide is not a guarantee.