YOUR STORM-SEASON CHECKLIST

GATE

Small checks now. Fewer surprises when storms hit.

1 Check now

- ☐ **Look for wear.** Leaning posts, loose hinges or a sagging gate need a technician.
- ☐ **Check movement.** Grinding or dragging? Book a service. Clear debris from tracks and drains.
- ☐ **Find the release key.** Practise using your manual only in calm weather, with the gate secured.

2 Before bad weather

- ☐ **Close the gate early,** before strong winds arrive. Follow your model’s securing instructions.
- ☐ **Put loose items away.** Secure bins, garden furniture and objects that could hit or jam the gate.
- ☐ **Plan your access.** Keep the manual-release key somewhere safe and accessible.

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 switch off safely. Before the storm, follow your manual; use only dry, accessible plugs or labelled user switches. Never touch plugs or switches during lightning or in wet conditions. Never open electrical enclosures or alter wiring.

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 manually release the gate.
- ☐ **Keep clear of damage.** Do not move a leaning or off-track gate. Call a technician.
- ☐ **Keep away from wet electrics.** Do not touch flooded motors or open the control box.

5 Insurance check

- ☐ **Check storm and flood cover.** Confirm your gate 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.