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Garage Door Maintenance Checklist

Task	What to Check	How Often	Mark	Tools Needed
Visual Inspection	Look for wear, damage, rust, or loose parts. Check door panels, springs, cables, and rollers.	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flashlight
Test Door Balance	Disconnect the opener and manually lift the door. It should stay halfway open on its own.	Every 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	None
Lubricate Moving Parts	Apply lubricant to springs, rollers, hinges, and tracks. Avoid plastic parts.	Every 3 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	Garage door lubricant
Tighten Hardware	Tighten all bolts, screws, and brackets. Focus on hinges and tracks.	Every 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wrench, screwdriver
Test Auto-Reverse Function	Place an object in the door's path. It should reverse immediately when closing.	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small block
Clean & Inspect Tracks	Ensure tracks are clean and free of debris or dents.	Every 3 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soft cloth, mild cleaner
Check Safety Sensors	Wipe sensors clean and ensure they are aligned properly.	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soft cloth
Inspect Weatherstripping	Look for cracks or wear on the bottom seal of the door. Replace if damaged.	Every 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	None

How to:

Visual Inspection: This helps identify any signs of damage like rust or wear, which can affect the performance and safety of the garage door.

Test Door Balance: A balanced door ensures the springs are functioning well, preventing excessive strain on the opener.

Lubricate Moving Parts: Lubrication reduces friction, ensuring smooth operation and preventing wear on metal parts.

Tighten Hardware: Over time, hardware can become loose due to vibrations. Tightening bolts and screws ensures the door remains sturdy.

Test Auto-Reverse Function: This safety feature prevents the door from closing on objects or people. It should reverse immediately when it detects an obstruction.

Clean & Inspect Tracks: Tracks must be clean and aligned for the door to open and close smoothly. Dirt or damage can cause the door to get stuck.

Check Safety Sensors: Sensors prevent the door from closing if there is something in its path. Dirty or misaligned sensors can fail to function properly.

Inspect Weatherstripping: Damaged weatherstripping can allow drafts, debris, or water into the garage. Replace it if it's cracked or worn out.

By following this checklist, even a newbie can perform a thorough garage door inspection and maintain its proper functioning.

