



Homeowners Across Metro Vancouver Prepare Garage Doors for Seasonal Weather Shift as Fall Maintenance Season Arrives

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J.Mac Garage Doors Ltd. has been providing residential garage door installation, repair, and maintenance to homeowners across Greater Vancouver since 1991.

As summer temperatures give way to cooler, wetter weather in the months ahead, homeowners across Metro Vancouver have been turning their attention to preparing their properties for the shift in seasonal conditions. Among the household systems that benefit from pre-season attention, the garage door stands out as one of the most frequently used mechanical components of a home yet one of the most commonly overlooked during routine maintenance. J.Mac Garage Doors Ltd., a Richmond-based company that has served the region for over 34 years, reports that late summer and early fall are among the busiest periods for service calls as homeowners discover issues that developed over the warmer months.

"A garage door goes through a lot during the summer, especially with families coming and going more often for camps, sports, and weekend trips," said Jim McCormack, Owner of J.Mac Garage Doors Ltd. "The additional cycles put extra wear on springs and cables, and by the time September arrives, components that

were marginal through July and August can fail entirely. We typically see a noticeable increase in service calls around this time of year as people start thinking about getting their home ready for the fall and winter ahead."

According to the Door and Access Systems Manufacturers Association, a typical residential garage door cycles open and closed approximately 1,500 times per year. In households with multiple vehicles, active children, and frequent summer comings and goings, that number can be significantly higher. The additional wear accumulates on torsion springs, which are designed for a finite number of cycles before fatigue sets in, typically ranging from 10,000 to 25,000 cycles depending on spring grade. British Columbia's coastal climate, with its damp autumn and winter conditions, can accelerate corrosion on cables, springs, and track components if protective finishes have worn over time.

J.Mac's garage door repair team handles the most common pre-season issues, including springs that have weakened from heavy summer use, cables showing early signs of fraying, rollers that have become noisy or stiff, and openers whose safety sensors may have been knocked out of alignment. A pre-season inspection typically includes lubricating all moving parts, checking spring tension, testing the auto-reverse safety mechanism, and inspecting cables for signs of wear. The Canada Safety Council, in its home safety guidance, recommends annual professional garage door inspections as part of regular household maintenance.

"An inspection before the weather turns takes about 20 minutes and can catch problems that would otherwise become emergency repairs on a rainy October morning when someone is trying to get to work," McCormack noted. "A spring that is showing early signs of fatigue is straightforward to replace on a scheduled service visit. Waiting until it snaps means a same-day emergency call, a stranded vehicle, and potentially a door that cannot be opened at all until the repair is done. A few minutes of preventive attention saves significant time, money, and frustration."

J.Mac provides free estimates for replacement installations and same-day service for urgent broken springs and cable repairs throughout the Lower Mainland. The company is an A+ accredited member of the Better Business Bureau and serves Vancouver, Richmond, Burnaby, Coquitlam, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, White Rock, Bowen Island, Langley, and numerous Vancouver neighbourhoods including Kerrisdale, Point Grey, Arbutus, Dunbar, Shaughnessy, and Oakridge across the Lower Mainland.

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