

Garage Door Replacement Tips

Don't attempt to replace the door alone

Replacing the garage door involves removing the current panel and disposing it and then installing the new one. It's important to take into consideration that such tasks require great experience and that's why they must be carried out by **Garage Door Repair Kent**. Plus, the door is extremely heavy and the new one's installation must be precise.

Take garage door replacement seriously

Since garage doors are not replaced often, you must think very hard of your needs before you order a new door, take perfect measurements of the garage and take into consideration external factors (like the weather) when you choose materials and frames. This is an expensive investment and also related to your security and safety.

Choose sectional doors

Garage doors are not replaced solely when they are very old but also when they are damaged. Sectional doors will cost less for their replacement and the task will take less time since each panel will be replaced independently. You should consider getting sectional doors for future convenience and saving of money.

Note: when you replace parts of sectional doors, the color and condition between the new and old panels will differ.

Get good brands

When you replace the existing garage door, you must invest in quality and make sure you'll get warranties. For this reason, it's best to rely on reputable brand names. The quality is guaranteed, you'll have a warranty and you'll find easier replacements. The options among doors will be wider in terms of styles, size, materials and design.

Check all parts during door replacement

The weight of the door is the prime determinant for the selection of garage door parts. When you replace the door, make sure the current parts correspond and suffice for the requirements of the new door or they must be replaced in order for the door to move properly. Otherwise, it will be dysfunctional and your safety will be at stake.

Measure well the garage

Take good measurements before ordering a new garage door. It's important to measure the height and width of the opening, the two sides of the door till the closest wall, the backroom that is the space of the ceiling till the back part of the garage and the headroom above the door till the ceiling. If you get a door, which opens outwards, measure the space out of the garage.

Choose the right door material

Selecting the best garage door material for one's property is vital since it will determine the door's resistance. If you don't want to spend much money and time for future maintenance, choose composite materials and galvanized, zinc coated steel doors if you live in high moisture regions. Wood is beautiful and sensitive and aluminum too lightweight and totally unreliable for hurricane prone areas. There's also the choice of glass doors.

Prefer insulated garage doors

Garage door replacement is a big investment as it is and it's best to get the best possible option. Investing in the good insulation of your garage and the entire house with insulated garage doors is wise. Prefer polyurethane insulation materials and r-value approximately 10 or 12 depending on the local weather conditions.

Note. Insulated garage doors are not necessary for detached garages.

Don't rely on initial garage door prices

The initial price of a garage door includes the basics. Though, the price will change if you choose insulated doors, panels of different sizes, want to add windows, make other changes or replace some garage door parts. Plus, the final price will also include the labor of garage door installation.

Think of the future before replacing the door

Since garage doors are not replaced every few years, you must think whether your family will need some construction work in the garage in a year or two. You must also consider the possibility of getting a bigger car or a second vehicle. Any substantial changes in the garage will require the replacement of the door, too. So, it's better to do the changes all together.

Replacing other parts is equally important

When you replace the door, check whether some parts need replacement, too. Check their condition and the manual for the possibility that springs will need replacement as well. It's best to start your new life with the new garage door without rusty hinges and dented tracks. Of course, depending on the door's weight, some parts might need replacement anyway.

Make sure the door is installed properly

The proper installation of the door will make a huge difference to its functionality and movement. It must be connected with other parts and put in place properly and with precision or it will be noisy and it might fall. Due to its heavy weight, it's reasonable to let professionals take over the installation procedure.

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