

# How To Winterize Your Garage In 3 Easy Steps, Part 1

Winters can be windy and chilly even in California. Homeowners can do some simple things around their house and garage to prepare for the coming winter.

If you take care of your garage, you are less likely to need garage door repair services. Maintenance almost always saves you money and stress in the long run!

As a trusted garage door company, <u>CA Overhead Door</u> wants to help give you some tips on how to winterize your garage, and the first step to a garage that is ready to face the winter is proper insulation. Here's how -

# **Insulate Your Garage Doors**

## Why You Should Insulate Your Doors

One of the main reasons that insulating your garage door is such a great idea is that it will save you energy and money all year long.

Insulating your door also increases the strength of your door. A stronger door is more resistant to damage. This means you will spend less time and money fixing or replacing your garage doors over the years.

Having your garage door insulated will also mean a more comfortable temperature in your garage and your house. You will now be able to use the space in your garage more, throughout all of the seasons.

#### **How To Insulate Your Garage Doors**

Now that you know why insulating your garage door can be so beneficial we can talk about how to do it.

- 1. Choose what type of insulation you need
- 2. Purchase the needed materials
- 3. Mark and measure your door and the materials
- 4. Put the retainer pins in the appropriate places
- 5. Cut the batting and lock it into place
- 6. Install the doorstop weather stripping
- 7. Replace the bottom seal if it is necessary
- 8. Test the newly insulated door to make sure it still runs properly

The added weight may impact how your garage door runs, so it is important to test the door after completing the installation. However, the typical sized garage door will still run fine with the added insulation.

If you want your garage door insulated without the hassle, you can hire a garage door company to take care of it for you. If you have an insulated

garage door that is damaged or needs some repair you can call a garage door repair service to come to help you.

# **Insulate Your Garage Walls**

## Why You Should Insulate Your Garage Walls

Similarly to why you should insulate your garage door, you should insulate the walls to save energy and money. If your garage is fully insulated you will reap the benefits when it comes to your bills. The upfront cost of installing the insulation is often worth it.

If you insulate your garage, what was once a cold place that you could rarely use, is now a big section of the house that can be used as a workspace, an exercise area, or whatever you need it to be.

Plus a lot of insulation helps to soundproof an area so if you want to run a saw or have your kids practice their instruments you have a good place to do it now.

## **How To Insulate Your Garage Walls**

- 1. Decide on your materials (often you can use what you did in your home)
- 2. Purchase your materials
- 3. Clear the work area
- 4. Remove drywall (if applicable)
- 5. Clean out dirt and dust from stud cavities
- 6. Examine the wall for damage and repair it if needed

- 7. Put in your chosen insulation
- 8. Hang drywall up to cover insulation

There is a very similar process for the garage ceiling, which should also be done for the best results.

This process can be done by yourself, but to save time and have it done with high quality you may want to consider hiring an expert.

If you want help preparing your garage for the winter, click here for a FREE estimate from CA Overhead Doors



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