

Ten reasons why you should replace your garage door

Replacing your old garage door system can completely change the appearance of your garage and bring undeniable advantages to your home. According to the experts at Garaga, one of the leading sectional garage door manufacturers in Canada, there are 10 valuable reasons to replacing your old garage door:

1. Increase the value of your home.

Replacing an old garage door with a new stylish maintenance free door will do wonders for the value of your home. Many Real Estate agents will confirm that it is easier to sell your home when the garage door looks good.

2. Improve the appearance of your home.

Some garage doors come in as many as 15 colours in a baked-on paint finish, many different styles and a wide variety of windows, all of which can give your home a new look.

3. Lower your heating and cooling bills with an R-16 insulated garage door.

A properly insulated garage door can pay for itself over time by reducing your energy costs by keeping the heat out in the summer and the cold out in the winters. This savings will occur when you have living quarters above the garage or when the garage is being used as a workshop.



4. Reduce your maintenance time.

Many metal doors are low maintenance when you choose a pre-finished colour. They require only mild soap and water for cleaning. So say goodbye to painting and scraping and hello to more leisure time.

5. Protect items stored in your garage from the elements.

Many people use their garage for storage. To protect those

items from the damage caused by extreme heat and cold, choose an insulated door with a thermo barrier that prevents heat or cold from traveling from the outside surface to the inside surface. You can also combine this with a PVC weather-strip with screw cover and double fin rubber seal and bottom rubber weather-strip.

6. Increase the uses for your garage.

With the use of an insulated

garage door between R-12 and R-18, you will find the garage a more pleasant place to work in. Your garage can be used as a workshop, art studio, playroom or a heated storage room.

7. Increase the security of items stored in your garage.

It is much easier to kick in or drill through a wooden or metal non-insulated door than a metal urethane insulated door which is at least 1 3/4" thick and has a

metal skin front and back. This can be enough to deter a thief from trying to break through a metal insulated door.

8. Prevent easy access to your home.

The garage door is the largest access to your home. Many new garage door openers come with the rolling code technology, which makes it far more difficult to gain access when the opener uses one of 100-billion new codes each time the door is opened.

9. Reduce the risk of injury.

Photo eyes which are now mandatory, sense when something is in the way or passing through the opening when the door is coming down. This has two benefits, when the light beam is broken, the garage door will reverse back up when coming down to prevent an injury and / or turn on a light so you will see where you are going when it is dark.

10. Canadian made.

If you like to support Canadian manufacturers, ask your supplier if they are offering you a Canadian made product.

Buying a garage door is a long-term investment. A new garage door increases the value of your home, the uses of the garage and reduces the risk of injury. More information on the latest line of garage doors is available at www.garaga.com.

The hot tub as a modern family hearth

Before central heating and suburban sprawls, the fireplace served as a common area where family members would join to share news, create bonds and build relationships. With the advent of new technology and modern amenities, today's homes often decentralize the family unit and impede the bonding process. A residential hot tub can replace the fireplace as the modern family hearth and allow families to regain cohesion through domestic interaction.

A residential hot tub possesses all of the qualities required of a modern hearth. Since homeowners no longer rely on open fire to provide heat and food, a hot tub is a perfect venue for family bonding. Hot tubs are accessible year-round and can be installed either indoors or outdoors. They offer hot, relaxing water to soothe stress and multiple jets to melt away the day's worries, a perfect place to reconnect with the family unit after a long

day at work.

The latest hot tubs can be equipped with all the accessories a family needs to facilitate a family bonding session. Onboard media systems can deliver television, CD, satellite radio, MP3 music and even the Internet through built-in speakers and displays. Likewise, spa-side tables and built-in refrigerators allow for tub-side meals and refreshments.

Families are spending increasing amounts of spare time outside the home or sequestered in separate rooms. As a result, finding a location for daily communication vital to the development of the healthy family unit has never been so important. More information on how to make a hot tub your family's hearth is available online at www.poolcouncil.ca, or by calling (800) 879-7066.

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