

PROTECTING YOUR GARAGE DOOR SPRINGS THANK YOU JOHN KEANE

" It seems about every 2 or 3 years,when the weather abruptly changes from a warmer day to one that's below freezing, one of my overhead torsion twisting garage springs will snap.

As the deep cold season is heading toward all of us, the professional overhead repairman told me how to help avoid broken springs. He said to use some compressed air and blow away the dust and dirt that has settled on them or your shop Vac and vacuum clean. Then use a can of spray "Silicone" lube and coat both the left and right twisting springs. One that leaves only a dry lube residue and nothing oily or sticky. As the garage opens and closes, this silicone lube allows the coils to have less friction and smoothly slips beside each other making the tension and release more even along the whole spring.

Spend less than \$5 and about 15 minutes to lengthen the life of your garage door springs.... Less repair time means more "fun" time..."

Of course, I haven't done mine yet. This might be a good time to offer to assist any of your neighbors who may have difficulty doing this relatively simple lubricating function. There is absolutely no danger if it is done correctly. The doors should be closed to allow access to the springs. There is no reason to actually make contact with the coiled springs. Remember, when the door is closed, the springs are at the maximum tension.

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