

We can all appreciate a snow storm,
but when we lose power things
become inconvenient. Here are a few more tips to avoid a garage door lock-in:

Power outages are common during winter storms. Getting electricity restored can be a multi-day effort. What happens if you have an emergency and your car is essentially locked inside your garage?

Most people do not even think about their automatic garage door opener not working during a power outage. We just expect it to faithfully go up and down when we press the button.

If the power goes out, you may need to disconnect your automatic opener to manually open the garage doors. It's a good idea to familiarize yourself with the process in advance to avoid having to search frantically for the garage door instruction manual in the dark.

Here are some tips to help avoid getting "locked-in" the garage:

1. Disconnect the automatic garage door opener when the garage door is closed, not when it's open. Otherwise, if the springs aren't balanced, the garage door could suddenly drop to the ground and cause injury.
2. If the springs are properly balanced, the garage door will open easily with the lift handles. If it is difficult to lift, have a garage door maintenance professional service the door as soon as possible to avoid further damage or safety risks.
3. Lock the garage door. When the automatic opener is disconnected, the garage door is not securely shut until you manually slide the lock bar.
4. Reconnect the automatic garage door opener when the power comes back on. Make sure the garage door is unlocked when the opener is reconnected. Attempting to open the garage door with the lock bar in place can cause major damage.
5. Invest in an automatic garage door opener that includes a battery back-up feature. That way, when the power goes out, the garage door will still function using the opener, as will the entry keypad and safety sensors.

Remember, it's best to think about a power outage before it actually happens. Stay safe this winter!

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