

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Maintaining The Biggest Door In Your Home

(NAPSA)—The garage door often represents much of a home's street-side appearance and is typically used several times throughout the day. To ensure your garage door operates smoothly and you can continue to get where you need to go, you should give your garage door the proper care it deserves.

Here are a few tips that will make protecting and preserving the biggest door in your home easy and efficient.

### Stop Rust in Its Tracks

Rust thrives in dark, moist, hard-to-reach areas—especially in the garage. To help protect your garage door from rust, try wiping it down twice a year with a mild household detergent and a soft cloth, and then lubricating it. Remember to wash the door regularly with a garden hose to keep it clean from dirt, dust and bugs. You can also apply a light coat of car wax to protect the finish of metal doors.

### Inspect Parts Regularly

Don't wait. Make inspecting your garage door a part of your monthly cleaning routine, and begin maintenance before it gets too cold. A door that is well cared for and properly maintained will be safer and have a longer life span than those left alone. Springs, cables, rollers and other hardware should be inspected regularly to ensure your garage door stays in good working order and remains a safe entrance for you and your family.

### Stop the Squeaks

No one enjoys being welcomed



**Don't leave your garage door out in the cold—make inspection a part of your monthly cleaning routine.**

home with a screech. Garage doors are known for being big and noisy, and using the wrong product can actually worsen the problem over time. So what should you use to help silence all that racket?

Lubricate all moving parts of your garage door regularly with a product like 3-IN-ONE Professional® Garage Door Lube, specifically designed for the maintenance of garage door systems. Simply apply the lubricant to hinges, door tracks, chains, pulleys and latches to stop sticking and squeaking. You can also use the product to prevent rust and corrosion—just don't forget to wipe off any excess oil.

To learn more about other products that help make things run smoother at home and on the job in the 3-IN-ONE Professional line, visit [www.wd40.com/brands/3in1pro.html](http://www.wd40.com/brands/3in1pro.html).