More than 90% of damage to homes in hurricanes begins when garage doors fail because garage doors are typically the largest and weakest openings on a home.

What makes a garage door stronger than another?

- Metal thickness (gauge) of the door to resist pressure and windborne debris impacts
- Number and strength of mounting brackets and connectors holding the track to the wall and the ceiling
- Strength of the horizontal reinforcements on the door to resist buckling

What type of doors do you recommend for high-wind locations?

- Wind- and impact-rated doors that are tested and approved. Wind-rated is good. Impact-rated is better.
- Single garage doors vs. double doors
- Doors without glass, or glazing, unless the glass is impact-resistant

How do you know if your garage door is impact or wind-rated?

- It can be difficult to determine if garage doors are impact- or wind-rated without proof of compliance labeling (typically yellow or white sticker listing pounds per square foot, or PSF).
- If you do not have a sticker, contact your builder or manufacturer.

How can you strengthen your existing garage door?

- Check the mounting brackets and connectors and make sure the screws are tight and the track is not loose.
- Add mounting brackets and connectors if you only have three or four on each side.
- Replace rusted pins or worn-out rollers, and make sure they are balanced.
- Consider a bracing kit if the door is strong. If it is not, it may fail and wrap around the bracing.

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*Installation costs about $300 - $400 regardless of the door type