**PERMIT INFORMATION**

**Q: DOES MY GARAGE DOOR NEED TO BE WINDLOADED?**
A: Yes! Wind-load refers to the “forces or pressures that are exerted on a structure and the components comprising the structure (such as garage doors, entry door, windows, etc.)” [[1]](#footnote-1) All doors sold by Lester’s are tested to determine how much pressure they can handle from wind during a storm and can withstand winds up to 110 m.p.h in good condition.It is required by the State of Florida that all garage doors must have been tested to stand up to hurricane force winds, that a permit must be pulled in order to install a garage door, and a final inspection be performed by a local building official. In Alachua County, all new garage doors are required to withstand at least 110 m.p.h. winds.

**Q: DO I REALLY NEED A PERMIT TO REPLACE MY DOOR?**
A: Yes! It is required by the State of Florida that all garage doors must have been tested to stand up to hurricane force winds, that a permit be pulled in order to install a garage door, and that a final inspection be performed by a local building official. The amount of windload varies by location within the state.

**Q: ONCE MY DOOR IS INSTALLED, AND I RECEIVE MY PERMIT, WHAT'S NEXT?**
A: At this point, a final inspection by a city or county codes official is needed. You should call our office and schedule the appointment through us. Ask for our permit coordinator.

**Q: DOES THAT MEAN THE INSPECTION WILL BE DONE BY YOUR COMPANY?**
A: No. It is required that we schedule the inspection because we pulled the permit. However, there will not be an employee of **Lester's Garage Doors** inspecting your door. **An official from the city or county** will be scheduled to come to your home and inspect our work on a day of your choosing.

**Q: CAN I REQUEST A SPECIFIC TIME?**
A: No. Neither the city nor county will schedule a specific time. You will need to choose a day that you can be home all day.

**Q: CAN I LEAVE MY DOOR OPEN OR ON MANUAL AND THE INSPECTOR JUST COME BY?**
A: No. The inspector will **not** come onto your property if no one is home. The inspection would be failed by the inspector and there would be a charge to reschedule.

**Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF THE INSPECTION IS FAILED?**

A: A new appointment will need to be scheduled. There will also be a fee from the City or County to reinspect the garage. This fee is the responsibility of the homeowner unless the failed inspection is due to an installation error.

**Q: WHAT IF MY PERMIT EXPIRES?**

A: If the permit expires there is a fee to have it reissued. The permit must be in place and an inspection of the work completed before the house can be sold. Otherwise, there are no immediate consequences.

1. Information adapted from: <http://www.professionaldoordealer.com/articles/safety/671_651feat1.html> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)