

Sump Pumps

It is important that all property owners do regular maintenance on their sump pumps. The following is a suggested checklist to conduct for maintenance or if your pump is not working.

- ✓ Is your sump pump plugged in and all electrical breakers or sources working properly. A backup battery or generator may be necessary during an emergency that knocks out electrical power.
- ✓ Test the pump to make sure that it's activating properly and moving water out of your basement.
- ✓ Check the position of the pump to be sure it is level to avoid overworking your sump pump.
- ✓ Check your sump pump and drainage line for clogs and make sure drainage line is properly connected to the sump pump.
- ✓ Cold weather issues. Keep a watchful eye on discharge hose if pump is trying to run and cannot—Freeze-ups will cause premature pump failures.
- ✓ Make sure the float is working properly. If the float is not working properly, the pump may be activating when not necessary causing the engine to wear itself out by running all the time OR it may not start.
- ✓ Consider having a backup sump pump on hand to prevent basement flooding and minimize the damage done to your home.
- ✓ Exterior sump pump hoses on top of the ground should be far enough from the structure so that you are not recycling the clear water by repumping the same water again and again. This would be creating power usage, extra pump usage resulting in extra overall expenses no one needs.
- ✓ If you have access to a sump basket in the Right-of-Way or Boulevard, please extend your sump pump hose into the basket preventing recycling the clear water or causing slicks on sidewalks.