



SUMP PUMP OPERATION

It's not the most exciting piece of equipment in your home, but very essential!

DID YOU KNOW?

A sump pump is a small pump installed in your basement floor, usually located in the mechanical room. A sump pump works to keep the area around the concrete footings dry and to protect the basement from flooding. The following steps will help to ensure that your sump pump is fully operational.

1.



Identify sump pump area.

2.



Ensure sump pump is plugged in to the inverted outlet and that outlet has power.

3.



Using a screwdriver, remove screws and remove lid.

4.



Inspect components to ensure proper connections. Note: it is not uncommon for sumps to have sitting water in the base.

5.



Ensure exterior discharge for sump pump is clear of ice or debris and drains onto a positive slope away from the house.

6.



To test sump pump, fill hole with water (by bucket or hose) to about 1 foot above bottom. The round float will rise and when it hits a certain threshold the pump will activate.

FACT

Ensure pump is operating properly before the spring thaw sets in. Make sure the discharge pipe is connected and allows water collected by the sump pump to drain away from the foundation.