

Dear Homeowners,

This is just a friendly reminder that as the warm weather approaches we all have the potential of our sump pits filling up as the heavy spring rains occur and lawns begin to thaw.

With that being said, now is a great time to check your sump pump to make sure it's working properly. Sump pumps are essential for keeping water out of your sump pit, however like any other part of your home they need to be checked regularly. Below you will find instructions on how to test to make sure your pump is still in good working order. By checking to be sure the pump is working it will help to prevent any future water issues in a few months.

There are two types of sump pumps – Upright pumps (motor above the floor level) and Submersible Pumps (motor sits in the pit where the water collects). Upright Pumps usually have a rod or switch on the motor that you just click on to check to see if it's working.

Submersible pumps come with floats that either move up and down on a rod or they have a bulb type float switch on a cord attached to the pump or pipe. You can raise the float above the water to make sure the motor clicks on or lift the float to see if it turns on. If no water in the pit you can pour water in the pit. Some submersible pumps have two cords that plug into each other (piggyback). One plug is for the switch and the other is for the pump. If you split the two apart you can plug the pump switch in alone and find out if the pump works. If you want to know if the switch is working however you would have to plug them back together and then lift the float to a vertical position until the pump turns on.

Lastly, here are some additional things you can do to ensure a flood-free season.

- A Liberty water powered back-up system which will continue to pump even if the power goes out.
- If your pump has burnt out, ceased or you feel better getting a new one you can pick them up at almost any home improvement store.

Thank you,

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