SUMP PUMP MAINTENANCE TIPS

Follow these tips each spring to ensure yours works properly.

REMOVE THE COVER.

Check the tank for debris, such as mud, rocks, or gravel.

FLUSH THE SYSTEM.

Ensure proper pump operation by flushing out the system with water from a hose or bucket. When the pump turns on, listen for strange sounds. The pump should run smooth. If it doesn't, that could signal worn or damaged parts. Contact a plumber immediately.



INSPECT THE FLOAT.

As water fills the tank, ensure the float travels freely on the float rod.

INSPECT THE DISCHARGE PIPE.

Before major rain, be sure the discharge hose is free from debris, such as mulch, mud, stones, or rodent nests, Ensure the discharged water runs away from your foundation.



INSPECT THE CHECK VALVE.

Ensure your sump pump has a 3/16-inch relief hole in the pipe between the pump and the check valve. This prevents check valve vapor locks and extends the life of your pump.

