

Tips on how to keep your sump pump working

Most pump failures occur due to lack of regular maintenance. The best way to insure that your pump will work when you need it most, is by testing it regularly. You can avoid most problems by performing some very simple, routine maintenance.

Caution: The pump should be disconnected from the electrical source before handling, in all cases.

1. If your installation is equipped with a GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) receptical, it should be tested monthly. (see instructions below)
2. Every three to four months, pour enough water into the pit to activate the pump and assure its proper functioning. (once before the spring rainy season, and once before the fall rainy season should be the minimum)
3. Once a year, remove the pit cover and inspect the pit for debris. The pit should be free of any debris or foreign objects that would prevent the pump float from moving freely up and down.

If you are uncertain how to perform any of the maintenance items above, or the circuit testing below, you should contact a reputable plumber or electrician. Johnson County Wastewater Districts is not responsible for the maintenance of the equipment installed; it is the responsibility of the property owner.

