

Huronia



SPRING WEATHER = SUMP PUMP SAFETY TIPS

In addition to [checking to ensure your sump pump is in good working order](#), we would also like to pass on information from our colleagues at the [Barrie Fire and Emergency Service](#) department regarding the prevention of sump pump overheating.

They report that "fire crews frequently respond to potentially serious incidents of sump pumps overheating in residential homes. The severity of these incidents can result in thousands of dollars in financial losses for home owners or occupants, not to mention serious injury or death."

Here are some tips to help prevent sump pump fires and to ensure that the device designed to protect your home from water accumulation is working correctly. Remember, sump pumps are just like any other piece of equipment, which need proper installation and ongoing maintenance.

1. Only use sump pumps that are designed with overheating switches. Check your sump pump manual to see if your sump pump is equipped with this switch. This feature is standard on most newer models of sump pumps and it simply turns pumps off when they overheat. If your pump is older and doesn't have this safety feature, you should consider replacing it.
2. Have your pump plugged into its own circuit - if the pump motor shorts it will trip the breaker and cut the power before a fire starts.
3. Repair issues as they occur - look and listen for signs that your sump pump may need repair or replacement (ie pump turning off and on, load noises, etc.)
4. Have your pump serviced by a professional.
5. Keep combustibles away from the sump pump area (ie paint thinner, turpentine, gasoline, etc.)
6. Look inside your sump and remove any visible debris and check to see if there is a large amount of dirt/silt in the bottom of the pit that could clog the float switch and system.
7. Ensure that the sump pump motor is not tilted as this may cause damage from internal overheating.
8. If you have a battery back up on your sump pump, take steps to ensure that it is maintained and charged at all times.



Our colleagues across numerous municipal fire and emergency service departments recommend choosing a submersible pump (as shown on the left) as a safer alternative instead of a stem or column style of pump (shown on the right).

Click on the video below for more information from the [Milton Fire Department](#) about fires originating from a home's sump pump, and their helpful prevention tips.



Milton Fire Sump Pumps

If you have any questions about installing a monitored sump pump in your home, or other environmental security measures, we would be happy to help, so please [contact us](#).



WINNERS OF THE COTTAGE LIFE SHOW VIP TICKETS DRAW!

THREE lucky February newsletter recipients were selected at random on March 4th to win a pair of VIP tickets to the Cottage Life Show, taking place March 21-24, 2019 at the International Centre in Mississauga. Congratulations to Patricia, Brenda and Mary, we hope you enjoyed the show!

HURONIA OUT AND ABOUT IN OUR COMMUNITY ... AND BEYOND!

It was a busy weekend at the Cottage Life Show. It was fantastic to see the friendly faces of so many of our customers and colleagues, thanks for stopping by our booth to say hello! And congratulations to the on-site winners of fire safety kits, security prizes and a wall safe!



The Friday Exhibitors Team (Ally Wiles, Rob Dozzi, Kim Gagne, Trish Fleming, Chris Johnson, Jaclyn Jones)



Rob Dozzi with fellow exhibitor Brad Hammett, Royal LePage Trinity Realty



Jacqueline McArthur with Fire Safety Kit winners.



Kim Gagne with Shane Locking from Sudbury. Winner of a wall safe!





Doug Lomas with Fire Safety Kit winner.



Chris Johnson with Fire Safety Kit winner Linda from Hamilton.

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