

# Prepare Your Basement For Rains in Spring

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Sump pumps are made in various sizes to meet different load requirements. In areas where sewers are inadequate to quickly dispose of storm water, a sump pump is particularly recommended.

Also available as a means of protecting basements against the reverse flow of sewage during heavy rain storms is an auto-

matially operated back-water valve which closes when the sewer backs up.

The valve also is equipped with a manual control so an additional safeguard if the automatic check valve should fail to operate. The installation of a back-water valve is a must in basements that have a water closet (toilet) installed.

Correct installation under the supervision of a qualified plumbing contractor is essential for efficient operation and protection of health.

Sagging and binding doors are sometimes caused by loose hinge screws.

If they won't tighten, plug the holes with wood filler and when it hardens, replace the screws, using new ones if the heads of the old ones are damaged.

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# Take Few Tips From Builders When Selling

If you are moving and have a house to sell, take a tip from professional builders. Here are some of the things they do to a "trailer" house in order to sell it at a profit:

- Paint the walls, inside and out. Use light colors. They make a house look bigger.
- If the buyer wants a dark color, you can tell him how easy it is to apply a dark color on top of a light one.
- If you paint in a dark color and he wants a light one, he'll realize he has a more difficult and expensive job.
- Don't be so free in painting ceilings. Most people don't look up. You probably can save money here.
- Paint inside closets. This is one of the places women like to check. If closets are freshly painted, prospective buyers will give you credit for attention to detail.
- If the old roof is worn-looking, reroof before you put the house on the market.

**Save Steps, Move Laundry Near Bedroom**

Homes without a basement usually have a laundry adjacent to the kitchen.

However, more and more homeowners now are putting the laundry next to the bedroom, on the theory that this is where soiled clothes usually are gathered up.

Having the laundry near the sleeping quarters also eliminates the sometimes embarrassing need of dragging soiled clothes, shoes and pillow cases through the living room.

Whether your laundry is next to the kitchen or near the bedroom, it's bound to be subjected to plenty of rough treatment. For this reason, it should have floors and walls surfaced with durable materials.

Overflow from a washing machine will not damage tile, for it is waterproof. Neither can spilled soaps and detergents harm tile, because it's stain-proof. It's also scratchproof, so you can place wash basins, scrubbing brushes and other laundry utensils on it without worry.

Ceramic tile now comes in more than 250 different shades, plus a wide variety of sizes and shapes, so it can easily blend with or set the decorating tone for your home. And if you want the best in ceramic tile in your home, ask your contractor for tile that is "quality certified."

**No Drainboards? Who Needs 'Em?**

The old-fashioned drainboard on each side of the sink is being phased out of the modern kitchen.

One reason: the widespread use of the automatic dishwasher.

Countertops on each side of the sink, however, should still be surfaced with a waterproof material such as ceramic tile.

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