



how to disconnect your SUMP PUMP

WHAT IS A SUMP PUMP?

A sump pump is an appliance in your basement that pumps ground water out from around your basement. Some homes have a sump pump and some do not. Often it is improperly connected to the sanitary sewer system when it should be directed to a garden or yard.

WHY DISCONNECT YOUR SUMP PUMP?

The sanitary sewer system does not have unlimited capacity. A sump pump connected to the sanitary sewer system may contribute to overload, causing sewage back-ups in homes and sewer overflows.

A sewer overflow is a discharge of raw sewage into streams, rivers and lakes. Sewer overflows occur when there is too much water for the sewer system or treatment plants to handle and the excess wastewater exits the sewers at manholes.

The Kansas City, MO Water Services Department is working to improve the sewer system but citizens can help by disconnecting sump pumps from the sanitary sewer system in order to reduce the amount of rain and ground water entering the system.

HOW TO DISCONNECT YOUR SUMP PUMP:

If you are not a do-it-yourselfer experienced with plumbing and electricity, please contact your local licensed and bonded plumber or home improvement expert.

1. Turn off electricity
2. Remove old pipes
3. Seal off connection to sewer
4. Re-pipe sump pump and discharge line away from your home into a garden or grassy yard, or better yet, a rain garden on your property.

