



Sump Pump Backup Systems

Preventing disasters in your basement

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Thunder crashes as you hear the rain pouring outside, hitting your workplace office window. You think your house is safe because you have a sump pump in place, but when you arrive home that night, you're shocked to find several inches of water covering your basement floor. All of your belongings stored in your basement have been destroyed because your power went out and your sump pump lost power.

Sump pumps can fail for a variety of reasons such as power outages, mechanical failure, or simply because more water is coming in than it can handle. Having a sump pump backup can prevent the water from spilling onto your basement floor.

There are many options to protecting your basement from water. A 2004 article published in the [Washington Post](#) discusses devices such as emergency generators, battery-powered backup, and water-powered sump pumps. These can cost anywhere from a couple hundred dollars on up.

[Lowe's Home Improvement Stores](#) takes the hassle out of deciding which option is best for your home. Their website has a vast array of articles relating to sump pump backup and they offer prices for each type. The website states, "when purchasing a backup pump, the most important consideration is the need for a completely redundant system, which includes a second sump pump, second float switch, and a secondary power source." In addition to selling the devices and accessories, Lowe's also offers installation videos on their [website](#).

Similar sump pump backup devices can be found at other home improvement stores as well, such as [Home Depot](#), [Ace Hardware](#), and [Menards](#).

Having proper sump pump backups in place can save you time, money and stress. If you are not sure which sump pump backup system is best for you, contact a reputable home improvement store or plumbing company in your community. These experts can direct you to the best protection for your home and often offer options to help you install them in your basement.

