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What Lessons Have Hurricane Sandy Taught Us? More than Anything, How to be Better Prepared.

The effects of Sandy were felt far and wide across Maryland, while Montgomery County, by comparison, was largely spared her wrath.

Still, the storm prompted more than 350 calls to local fire and rescue services and **left more than 10,000 homes without power due to heavy winds and rain**, according to the Germantown Patch.

"We were very fortunate to be on the kinder end of this very violent storm," Gov. Martin O'Malley said of the state of Maryland shortly after the heart of the storm moved northward.

How did you and your home fare? If you lost power or experienced basement flooding, then you had and maybe still have your own private disaster to deal with. Now, we'd like to tell you how to be better prepared in the future.

Use a Sump Pump with a Back-up Pump for Added Insurance.

There are two types of main sump pumps: **pedestal and submersible.** Both work very effectively and Your 1 Plumber can advise you on which one best fits your needs and where to install it for maximum benefit.



Green & Healthy Living Tips

Eat Healthy on Thanksgiving.

Here's one way: go light on the gravy. Gravy, depending on how it is prepared, can be loaded in fat, calories and tons of sodium.

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How much water can a sump pump remove and, more importantly, can it keep up with any amount of flooding? Pumps with higher horsepower can remove more water, and remove it faster...that stands to reason. But **no sump pump has unlimited potential.**

And so, **your main objective should be to prepare for worst case scenario.** After all, isn't that mostly what a sump pump is about: added peace of mind? And if anything illustrates just how quickly peace of mind can be crumble, Hurricane Sandy was it.

That's why we recommend supporting your submersible or pedestal style sump pump with a **water-powered back-up sump pump.** These kick into action either when your main sump can't handle the flow of water or when your power shuts off. Main pumps operate on electricity. **Water-powered pumps don't even need a battery.** They can remove up **1,324 gallons of water per hour**, and will keep running indefinitely as long as you are still connected to your city water supply.

A Special Offer from Your 1 Plumber.

Sandy's gone, thank goodness. But the threat of water in our basements is ever present. Once again, preparedness is the key. That's why **we're now offering a \$45 savings on the purchase of one sump pump, and \$90 if your purchase two.**

Stand up to the weather, knowing that when it comes to all your plumbing needs, Your 1 Plumber stands beside you, ready to help.

Sincerely,

William Kirkorian
President



Amazing Fact

1934 was the first year an NFL game was played on Thanksgiving. The matchup was between the Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions.

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Our Favorite Recipes

Chunky Pecan Pie Bars

"If you like pecan pie you'll love these pecan pies bars with chocolate."

Prep Time: 12 Minutes, Cook Time: 45 Minutes, Servings 3 dozen



Ingredients:

CRUST

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar

FILLING

- 3 large eggs
- 3/4 cup corn syrup
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

- 1 3/4 cups (11.5-oz. pkg.) Nestlé® Toll House® Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks
- 1 1/2 cups pecans, coarsely chopped

Directions:

PREHEAT oven to 350° F. Grease 13 x 9-inch baking pan.

FOR CRUST: BEAT flour, butter and brown sugar in small mixer bowl until crumbly. Press into prepared baking pan.

BAKE for 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

FOR FILLING: BEAT eggs, corn syrup, granulated sugar, butter and vanilla extract in medium bowl with wire whisk.

Stir in chunks and nuts. Pour evenly over baked crust.

BAKE for 25 to 30 minutes or until set. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.

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You Gotta Laugh

"You know that just before that first Thanksgiving dinner, there was one wise, old Native American woman saying, 'Don't feed them. If you feed them, they'll never leave.'" *Dylan Brody*



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Save \$45 on a sump pump purchased from and installed by Your 1 Plumber. Save an additional \$45 if your purchase two. Only one (1) coupon per service address will be accepted. Coupon must be presented at the time of service. This offer is valid through November 31, 2012 and may not be combined with any other offer or minimum service fee.

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