

## **My sump pump won't turn off, even though it has drained everything!**

*Adjacent to the pump should be what is called a float switch. It is a black, grey, blue, or green egg-shaped ball intended to float on the surface of the water. When this float switch goes up the pump turns on to empty the water out of the pit and when the float goes down it should turn the pump off.*

*Often the float switch becomes stuck or tangled in a piece of string, branch or leaves that have gotten into the pit. It may be necessary to put on some rubber gloves and clean out the offending debris. If you intend to put your hands in the hole to clean out debris, find the power switch to the pump and make sure you turn electricity off to it before working on it.*

*Check that the float switch is attached to something so it can pivot as the water level changes. Loose float switches that have become detached from a pivot point will not actuate consistently and need to be attached/anchored so that they have a definite reference point that causes the pump to turn on before overflowing the pit and turns the pump off before it runs out of water.*

*If the float switch is properly anchored & clearly hanging down, but the pump is not turning off, try giving the float switch a quick bump with a broom stick. If this works and stops the pump, then you have a worn float switch in need of replacement.*