

# Electric Backup Sump Pumps for Houses

## Quick Tips for Battery Selection

1. Use a deep-cycle lead-acid battery with a backup sump pump.
2. The ampere-hour (AH) rating determines the hours of protection.
3. Purchase a battery with an AH rating near the maximum recommended by the backup sump pump manufacturer. Typically, it will be around 120 AH.
4. If the primary battery runs down in an emergency, a standard vehicle battery can be used to provide power to the backup sump pump.
5. Check every six months to ensure that the battery maintains an adequate charge and has no corrosion.

