



I want to report back about a fundraising event that we participated in earlier this month in support of the **Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre**. The event was the **Braestone Winter Classic**, a weekend-long, 3-on-3 pond hockey tournament. We've got an avid bunch of hockey players across our three locations, so in addition to sponsoring the event, we also registered a team. Thanks to Trevor, Kris, Kurtis, Taylor, and Chris who all participated in the event and did additional fundraising for the cause.

In the days leading up to the tournament, our team was ready. Our skates were all freshly sharpened. We had new jerseys. We were waiting for the puck to drop. Mother Nature, however, had other plans.

Unseasonably high temperatures, with no cold snap in sight, meant that the ice wasn't going to be safe to skate on. The event organizers did a fantastic job reimagining the event under very tight deadlines. A ball hockey tournament was born at the Braestone Club.

Alongside 120 participants, we laced up our running shoes instead of our skates, hit the pavement running, and had a lot of fun along the way.

The event raised an impressive \$154,330, exceeding their initial \$130,000 goal. Congratulations to all the teams, the players, and the event organizers – it was a great event for an even greater cause.

[Click here for all the event highlights.](#)

~David P. Clark, President



GET AHEAD OF WARMER WEATHER & THE UPCOMING SPRING THAW. BECAUSE WATER AND ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX.

Despite the first day of Spring being weeks away, Mother Nature seems to be pushing warmer temperatures causing early snow thaws and a lot of rain. It's time to dust off the Spring chore list and make sure to add some additional maintenance checks around the house to minimize electrical hazards in your home so you're ready for increased rainfall and potential flooding that Spring weather often brings.

- Raise items like electrical devices and appliances away from the ground – get them up high and away from the floor where water may enter or rise. Items include anything that's currently plugged in, like power bars, heating elements, TV's, computers, and appliances.
- In the event of an evacuation order, if there is time, turn off the power to your home at the main electrical panel and disconnect outdoor electrical cords and lights, air conditioners and hot tubs.
- On returning home, your electrical system may be damaged by water. When re-entering the home, if your baseboard heaters or outlets are underwater, they could be energized. Don't go into the water! Contact your local electric utility immediately to assist you.
- Do not attempt to use any devices or appliances that have met floodwater.
- Do not attempt to repair electrical damages yourself – [**find a licensed contractor.**](#)

[Click here to watch a CTV interview with the Electrical Safety Authority.](#)

[Click here for more electrical safety tips for at-home-flooding.](#)





WATER & ELECTRICITY DO NOT MIX!

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Do not enter your basement if the water is above the level of electrical outlets, baseboard heaters, furnace, or is near your electrical panel. When water makes contact with electrical systems, there is a risk of electric shock that could seriously injure or kill you.



From the Electrical Safety Association: "Remember: Water + electricity do not mix! If you have flooding in your basement, stay out and call the local utility to shut off the power. For more flood safety tips visit": <https://esasafe.com/safety/storm-safety/flood-safety/>

SUMP PUMP MAINTENANCE

During the spring season, sump pumps may be dealing with higher levels of water due to increased run-off, snow melt, and rain. Here are some tips from the **City of Barrie's Fire & Emergency Service** team designed to help prevent residential sump pump fires and to ensure that the device designed to protect your home from water accumulation is working correctly.

1. Only use sump pumps that are designed with overheating switches. Check your sump pump manual to see if your sump pump is equipped with this switch. This feature is standard on most newer models of sump pumps, and it simply turns pumps off when they overheat. If your pump is older and doesn't have this safety feature, you should consider replacing it. (Need to replace your sump pump? Consider choosing a submersible pump vs a stem or column style).
2. Have your pump plugged into its own circuit - if the pump motor shorts it will trip the breaker and cut the power before a fire starts.
3. Repair issues as they occur - look and listen for signs that your sump pump may need repair or replacement (ie pump turning off and on, load noises, etc.)
4. Keep combustibles away from the sump pump area (ie paint thinner, turpentine, gasoline, etc.)
5. Look inside your sump. Remove any visible debris and check to see if there is a large amount of dirt/silt in the bottom of the pit that could clog the float switch and system.
6. Ensure that the sump pump motor is not tilted as this may cause damage from internal overheating.
7. If you have a battery backup on your sump pump, take steps to ensure that it is maintained and always charged.

If you have any questions about installing or testing a monitored sump pump in your home or water bug flood detectors, we would be happy to help, so **please contact us**.



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- Part time Security Guard (Muskoka)

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