

Handy tips to get your cottage ready for summer

Every year many Canadians anxiously await the arrival of summer and cottage season. For many people, a cottage is more than just a place to unwind—it's a place that brings family and friends together.

To help cottagers get ready for summer, the hardware team at Canadian Tire offers these tips:

Plumbing

- Replace water filtration cartridges and UV lamps. Inspect rubber seals for cracking.

- Inspect all plumbing to ensure there is no freezing damage. Freezing damage will result in a split copper pipe. If there is a split in the copper pipe, it will need to be replaced before the pump is activated.

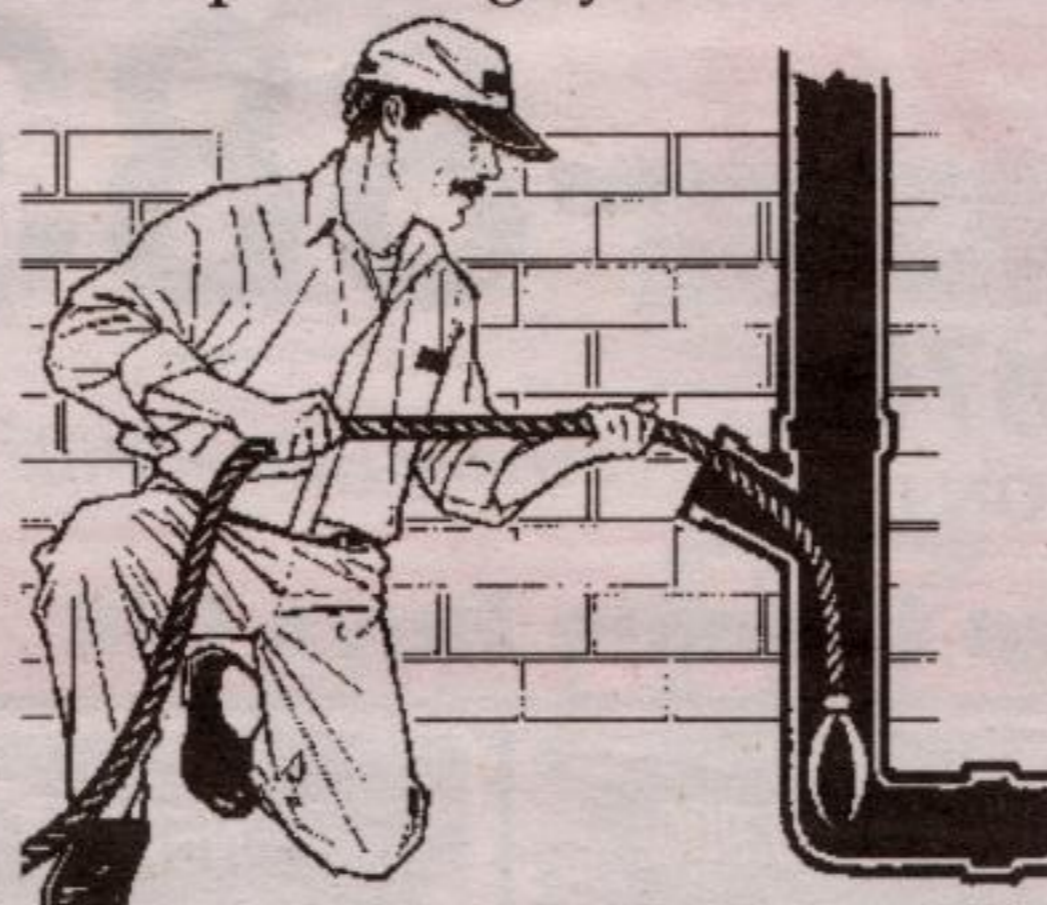
- Make sure that there is water in the line from the pump down to the lake. If the line is not full, the jet pump will need to be primed. Simply remove the cap off of the pump and pour water until the line has been filled.

- Turn pump on and fill water tank.

- Next, open valves to hot

water tank and the sink faucets.

- Check once again for leaks in the plumbing system.



- Purge air from the lines by opening up the sink and bathtub faucets in the cottage.

- Turn on power to water

heater only after the tank is filled with water.

- If the pump cycles on and off rapidly, it signals a leak in the system, which could be open taps or a faulty foot valve.

- Flush pipes that had plumbing anti-freeze in their lines.

- Remember: Plumbing lines can freeze until the end of May – ensure the cottage is adequately protected by using antifreeze or pipe heating cables if leaving the system on.

- Check septic tank level.

- Regenerate your water softener – ensure salt is loose in the

holding tank.

Electrical

- Do not turn power on to the water heater until you have the pump system working.

- Ensure there is heat in the pump room to avoid any freezing damage during spring months.

Miscellaneous

- Inspect chimney for blockages and soot.

- Inspect the roof for any winter damage to avoid leaks.

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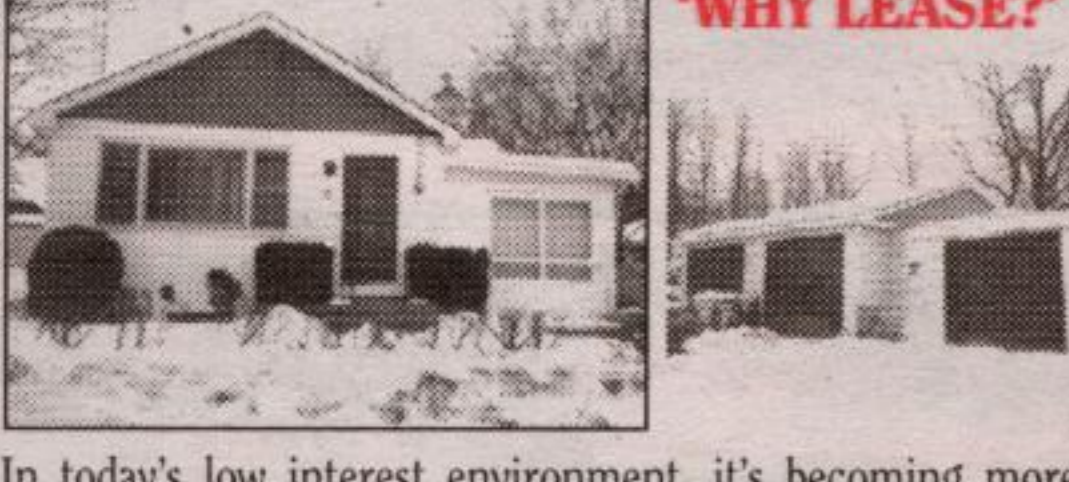
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