



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WELL SERVICE

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## 10 Warning Signs Your Well Pump Is Failing

Catch problems early and save thousands in repair costs

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# Why Catching Pump Problems Early Saves Money

Your well pump is the heart of your water system. When it starts to fail, the signs are often subtle at first — but catching them early can mean the difference between a simple repair and a complete system replacement costing thousands of dollars.

As Southern California's trusted well service experts with over 40 years of experience, we've seen it all. This guide will help you identify the warning signs before they become emergencies.

**⚠ Important: If you notice any of these signs, don't wait. Early detection can prevent costly damage to your pump, pressure tank, and even your home's plumbing.**

## The 10 Warning Signs

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### Sputtering or Spitting Water from Faucets

When you turn on your faucet and get bursts of water mixed with air, your pump may be losing its prime or the water table has dropped below the pump intake. This forces the pump to work harder and can lead to premature failure.

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## Fluctuating Water Pressure

If your shower goes from strong to weak randomly, or pressure varies throughout the day, it often indicates a failing pressure switch, waterlogged pressure tank, or a pump that's struggling to maintain consistent output.

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## Higher Than Normal Electric Bills

A sudden spike in electricity costs — without other explanation — often points to a pump working overtime. Worn bearings, failing motors, or restricted lines force the pump to draw more power, which shows up on your bill before you notice other symptoms.

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### **Pump Runs Constantly (Short Cycling)**

If you hear your pump turning on and off frequently — even when no water is being used — you likely have a leak in the system or a waterlogged pressure tank. This rapid cycling dramatically shortens pump life and can burn out the motor.

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### **Strange Noises from the Pump**

Grinding, clicking, or humming sounds are never normal. These typically indicate worn bearings, a damaged impeller, or electrical issues. Ignoring these sounds often leads to complete pump failure within weeks or months.

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### **Air in Your Water Lines**

Consistent air bubbles in your water — different from occasional sputtering — suggest a crack in the drop pipe, a failing check valve, or the pump drawing air. This indicates the pump is working under stress and needs immediate attention.

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### **Dirty or Sandy Water**

Sand, grit, or sediment in your water means the pump may have dropped to the bottom of the well, or the well screen has failed. Running a pump in sandy conditions destroys internal components rapidly and can contaminate your entire plumbing system.

**8****No Water at All**


Complete loss of water is the most obvious sign, but also the most urgent. This could indicate pump failure, a tripped breaker, low water table, or a broken drop pipe. This is an emergency that requires immediate professional diagnosis.

**9****Pump Is More Than 10-15 Years Old**

Even well-maintained pumps have a lifespan. Most submersible pumps last 8-15 years depending on usage and water quality. If your pump is approaching this age, proactive replacement during a planned service call is far better than emergency replacement when it fails unexpectedly.

**10****Visible Rust or Corrosion on Equipment**

Rust on your pressure tank, visible corrosion on fittings, or discolored water can indicate internal corrosion you can't see. Corroded components weaken over time and often fail without warning, potentially flooding your pump house or mechanical room.

 **Pro Tip: Many pump problems share similar symptoms. A professional diagnosis ensures you fix the actual problem — not just the symptoms — saving you time and money in the long run.**

## What To Do Next

### Schedule Your FREE Diagnostic Inspection

Don't wait for a small problem to become an expensive emergency

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