

# QUICK-LOOK: HOW TO GUIDE 2

## MAINTAINING A PASTURE PUMP

Regular inspection and maintenance will keep equipment working effectively and prolong its service

- Regularly check your pasture pump to ensure that it is drawing water.
- If the pump does not draw water: Disconnect the pipe and check the pump for suction by operating it with one hand while holding your other hand over the intake hole - you should feel the suction.
- If you have suction: the pipe or the foot valve needs cleaning.
- If you do not have suction: undo the four bolts and examine the diaphragm and the two valves. Clean or replace as necessary. (When re-installing, do not tighten excessively and check the pump)
- You do not need to oil or grease your pump.
- Ideally, if your livestock is in housing over the winter, then you should bring the pump indoors to prevent damage from frosts.
- You should regularly check your drinkers for cracks or leaks. If you notice any, try and repair these. If unrepairable, then replace the drinker as soon as possible to avoid wasting water.
- Regularly check to ensure your drinker is operating correctly and providing clean water for your livestock.



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