

KEEP THE BED DRY



Water in the bed of your 5-ton dump truck usually means the drain holes are stopped up. If the water stays there long enough, you'll end up with a rusted-out dump bed.

So eyeball the drain holes in the front corners of the bed for dirt and leaves. Look for holes that were painted over, too. Remove any debris or paint residue by running the tip of a ballpoint pen or small screwdriver through the holes to open 'em up.

Another way to get water and snow out of the dump bed—especially when your truck sits for long periods of time—is to keep the bed elevated. Use the dump body support braces (bedlocks) to hold the bed up and keep pressure off the dump body's main hydraulic cylinder.

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