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Installing a flat weather-resistant cover on an outdoor receptacle  
Flat covers provide protection only when a receptacle isn't in use, but it's not uncommon for extension cords to be plugged in for extended periods of time; for holiday lights, for example. In-use or "bubble covers" provide protection at all times. The NEC defines a "wet location" as an area that is subject to saturation with water or other liquids, and unprotected locations exposed to the weather. The NEC has another definition for "damp locations" that is more subjective, but if you think the receptacle is going to get wet, use an in-use cover. And don't forget the weather-resistant receptacle. The NEC requires that all 15- and 20-amp receptacles be rated as weather-resistant and tamper-resistant when installed in *both* wet and damp locations.