

# Care for your Drains!

Blocked drains and sewers can be very costly and unpleasant. Most of these situations can be avoided by following our simple guide to sewage and drains in your home.

## Toilet – Keep It Simple!

Only 3 items that should go down your toilet:

- Pee
- Poo
- Toilet paper

As for the rest - it's in the bin!

- Wipes & nappies
- Cotton buds & pads
- Sanitary products
- Plasters, bandages & medicines
- Condoms
- Incontinence pads

## Kitchen – Keep it clean!

Water, water, Water! Drains are designed to carry water, human waste and toilet paper – that is all!

In your kitchen think carefully about what you try to wash away and avoid the following:

- Grease and fat from pots, pans and baking trays. It will block pipes even after flushing through with hot water! So, let it harden and scrape into the bin.
- Food – scrape plates into the bin before washing or placing in dishwasher.
- Chemicals – see your local council website for guidance on disposal of chemicals.

## Check your responsibilities!

**Drains** – The homeowner is responsible for these, they are **within the property boundary** and run beneath the house, garden and driveway. The drains take flows away from your property to the lateral drain.

**Lateral Drains** – The responsibility of the water company that looks after the sewerage services, located outside the property boundary and carries wastewater from the property usually under pavements or roads to the sewer.

**Sewers** – most are publicly owned and take water and waste from several buildings.



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