

# How to...

## Care for your Drains



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GH Property Management Services Limited strive to ensure that all occupants sharing communal living spaces are made aware of best practice to keep the development running as smoothly as possible.

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.



## Check your responsibilities!

**Drains** – The homeowner or management company is responsible for the function and maintenance of domestic drains. These drains are within the property boundary and can run beneath the buildings, gardens and estate grounds. The drains take waste water 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 or many buildings/homes.



# Top Tips for caring for your drains:

## 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 remember:

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





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