

BIN IT, DON'T FLUSH IT

to keep your drains and sewers clear
ONLY FLUSH PEE, POO AND PAPER

Please dispose of these items in the bin:

- nappies*
- plasters
- wet wipes
- cosmetic wipes
- dental floss
- cotton pads/buds
- sanitary items



Help prevent blockages that cause toilets, sinks and baths to overflow and sewers to flood



* The average sewer pipe from your home is no bigger than a used nappy

A FEW TIPS...

to help protect your home and the environment



Stop your drains and sewers getting blocked:

Think before you flush



- Only flush the three Ps - pee, poo and paper
- Wet wipes, sanitary products, nappies, cotton buds and other items listed overleaf should go in the bin as they can cause blockages and flooding

Pain in the drain



- Drains must never be used for the disposal of paint, motor oil and other waste as many flow into rivers and coastal waters
- Dispose of these hazardous products according to the manufacturers' instructions and put your waste in a bin

What goes in the sink



- More than 70 per cent of all sewer flooding is caused by the build up of hardened fat, oil and grease in our pipes
- Let excess cooking fat cool before pouring into a container and putting it in the bin
- Keen to be green? Find a cooking oil recycling facility in your area

Check your connections



- Household appliances such as washing machines and even toilets can be connected to the wrong pipes, causing untreated water to drain directly into our rivers and coastal waters
- Visit connectright.org.uk for advice on checking your connections

For more information visit
southernwater.co.uk/paininthedrain

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To report a blockage or flooding from a sewer, please call
➤ **0330 303 0368**

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Stop and think - not down the sink



Keep drains and sewers clear of blockages.



- **Do** wipe and scrape plates, pans and utensils into a bin before washing



- **Don't** put cooking oil, fat, grease or food scrapings down the sink - put them in the bin



- **Do** collect waste cooking oil in a suitable container
- **Do** arrange for waste oil to be collected by a licensed waste contractor



- **Don't** pour cooking oil, fat or grease down the drain
- **Don't** sweep waste into floor drains - put it in the bin



- **Do** use strainers in sinks and plug holes and empty any trapped food into the bin



- **Don't** pour boiling water down the sink to dissolve fat and grease - it doesn't work!

For more information
> southernwater.co.uk/keepitclear

