



STOP ^{THE} BLOCK!

Look after your
happy place

Don't let blockages and sewer
flooding wipe out your home
and garden

Life's busy enough and the last thing you need is your happy place to be ruined by a flood. Together we can fight flooding and beat blockages.

Every year thousands of homeowners suffer the avoidable misery of a blocked drain which can cause flooding in homes and gardens, damaging furniture and carpets and those all-important outside spaces.

Many of these blockages are avoidable. They are often caused by flushing wet wipes and other items, such as sanitary products and nappies down the toilet. Over time, they mix together with fat, oil and grease to create a fatberg.

What are fatbergs?

Fatbergs are often in the news, but do you know what causes them?

Fatbergs are enormous masses of congealed fat, oil, grease, wet wipes, sanitary products, cotton wool, cotton buds and nappies. This smelly mess all clumps together and blocks drains and sewers and can lead to flooding in homes and gardens.



There's a lot you can do in the bathroom and kitchen to help stop the block.

We know a thing or two about the best ways to prevent blockages and flooding. We've put together these hints and tips to help avoid blocked pipes and drains in your home.



How to avoid blockages in the bathroom

Only flush the three Ps – Pee, Poo and (toilet) Paper.

- Don't flush wet wipes down the loo, put them in the bin instead. Wet wipes don't break down like toilet paper which means they can stick to pipes and drains and create blockages.
- Put other unflushable items, such as sanitary products, cotton wool, cotton buds and nappies in a bag and in the bin too.



How to avoid blockages in the kitchen

Don't pour fats, oils or grease down the sink.

- As cooking fats and oils cool they solidify, so although they may disappear down the plughole, they can harden and create a blockage in your drain which can be costly to sort out.
- Pour or scrape cooled fats, oils and grease into a heat-resistant container and then empty the contents into the bin.
- Sink strainers also help to catch any small bits of food that might otherwise get into your pipes and drains.

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