

What you can put in your sink and toilet

South East Water



Easy English

Hard words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**

- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book

- know what this book is about

- find more information.

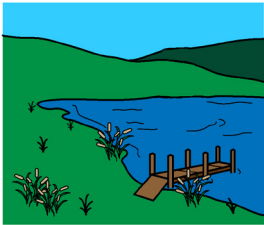


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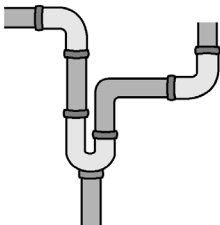
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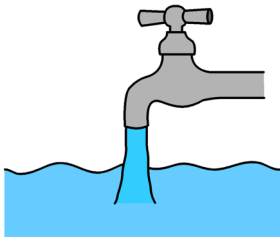


Our water

- comes from dams



- goes through pipes to get to you



- comes out of taps in your home.

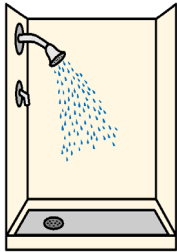


You can use the water to

- drink



- have a bath



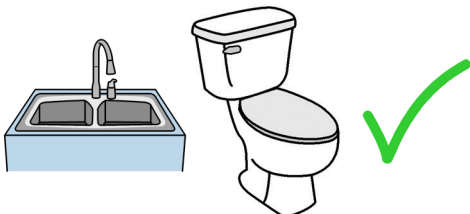
- shower



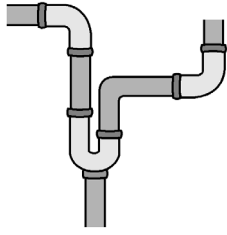
- wash your dishes or clothes



- water your garden.



This book is about what you can put in your sink and toilet.



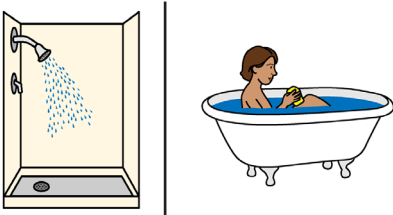
Some things might block your **sewer pipes**.

Sewer pipes are pipes under your home and in the street.



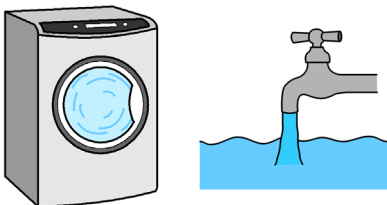
Wastewater goes through sewer pipes.

Wastewater is water that goes down the drain when you finish with it.



You get wastewater when you use a

- shower or bath



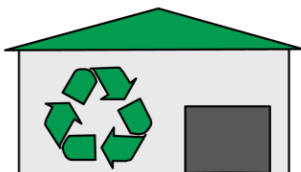
- washing machine

- tap



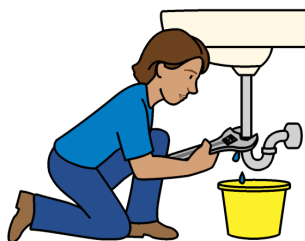
- toilet.

Wastewater goes to a water recycling plant.



We look after the street pipes and water recycling plants.

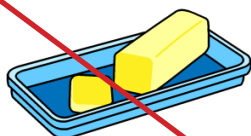
What you can not put down the sink



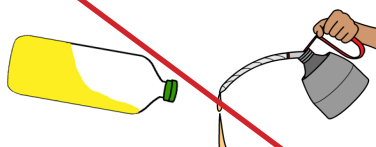
Your pipes can get blocked if you put the wrong things down the sink.

Things you can **not** put down the sink include

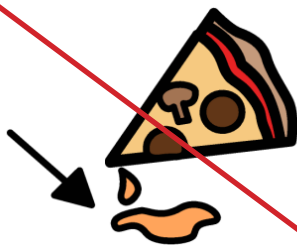
- animal fat or butter



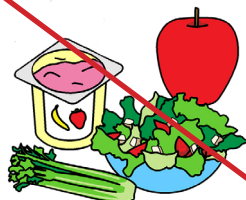
- oils



- grease

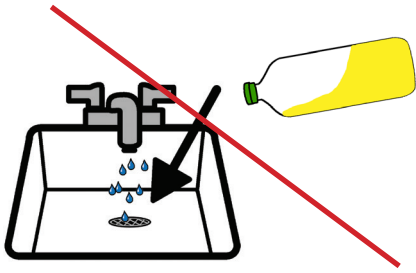


- food scraps



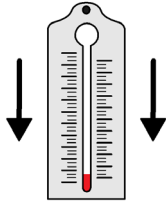
- sauce or gravy.



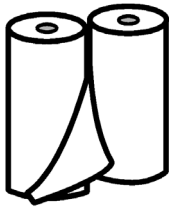


What to do with fats and oils

Fats and oils do **not** go down the sink.



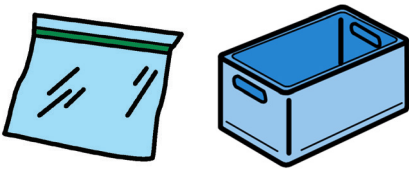
Let the fats and oils cool down.



If you have a little bit of fat or oil you can

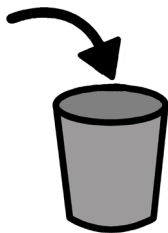
- wipe it up with a paper towel

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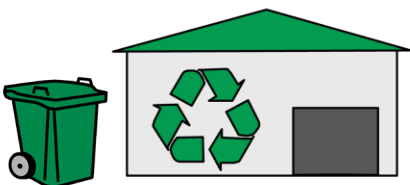


- pour it into a small bag or container

and

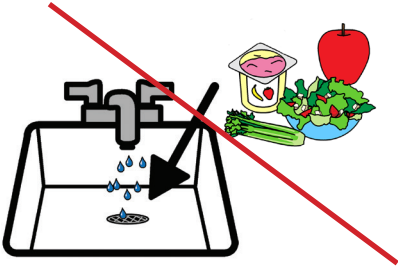


- put it in the bin.

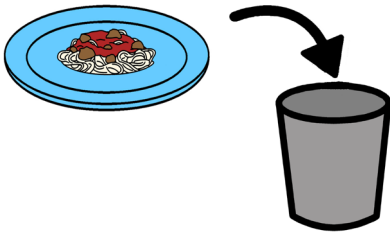


If you have a lot of fat or oil you can take it to a waste and recycling centre or tip near you.

What to do with food scraps



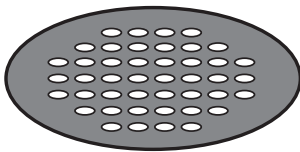
Food scraps do **not** go down the sink.



If you have food scraps you should

- scrape the food scraps from your dishes into the bin

and



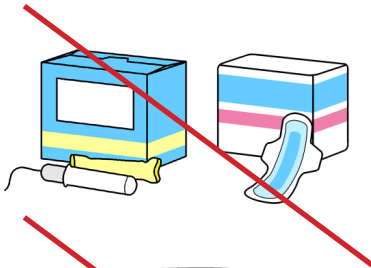
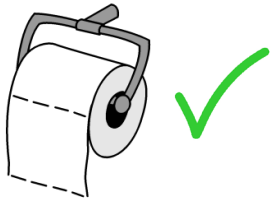
- use a sink strainer to stop food scraps from going down the sink.

What you can put in your toilet



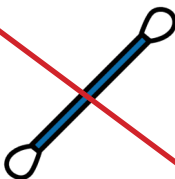
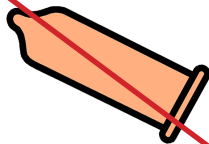
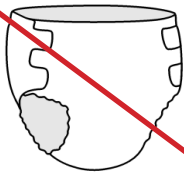
When you go to the toilet you can flush

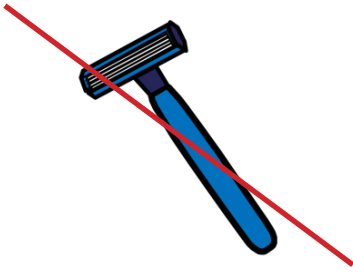
- pee
- poo
- toilet paper.



Things you can **not** flush down the toilet include

- tampons or pads
- nappies
- condoms
- cotton buds.





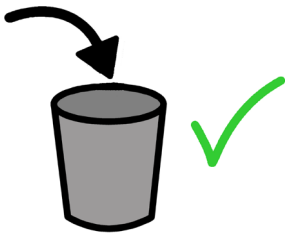
You should also **not** flush

- razor blades

or



- wipes. Even wipes that say flushable on the packet.



Put these things in the bin.

More information



For more information contact South East Water.



For help with your water

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