

Drainage

As drains are out of sight most people tend to only take notice of them when they become blocked or there is a potential to cause damage to your property and the requirement to clear a drain has become obvious. You can help prevent the need to call an engineer out to clear a drain by disposing of waste properly and consider the consequences before flushing items down the drain. If this is done then blockages and the need to clear a drain will be greatly reduced.

If you find you need to clear a drain in your property make sure you act fast in instructing an engineer as the problem can escalate quickly.

Some of the reasons you will need to clear a drain are:

- You will need to clear a drain if grease and leaves are blocking it
- Sanitary items flushed down the toilet can lead to the necessity to clear a drain
- Structural defects or breakages caused by tree roots, subsidence etc will cause blockages leading to the requirement to clear a drain
- If hair, dust and particles become trapped in the drain and shampoo, conditioner etc accumulate on the mass, this will cause a blockage, requiring you to clear a drain to resolve it
- If you need to clear a drain and you don't deal with it, you could start to notice damp forming on the outside walls of your property.

How you will know that you need to clear a drain:

- A sign that you need to clear a drain is when waste stops being removed when the toilet is flushed
- Gullies outside overflowing is another sign to clear a drain
- Smell around drains and inspection chambers
- Flooded floors and lack of electric power is the main reason people employ someone to clear a drain
- If your feet are fast submerging in water whilst taking a shower you will need to clear a drain
- If your sink is half full and the water is not flushing away is another reason to clear a drain