



Take a

LOOK

at what a blocked pipe can do

South West Water supports the principles of reduce, re-use, recycle and composting.



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Up to 6,000 blockages occur each year in the region's sewers. Your own drains are also at risk.

### The Dirty Dozen

**FAT, OILS & GREASE FOOD WASTE COTTON BUDS TAMPON APPLICATORS & WRAPPING DISPOSABLE NAPPIES CONDOMS PLASTIC BAGS BANDAGES & PLASTERS RAZOR BLADES BABY WIPES CLEANING WIPES & DISPOSABLE TOILET BRUSHES NEEDLES & SYRINGES**

Blockages can cause sewage to overflow onto beaches, roads, gardens, pavements and, in the most serious cases, inside homes and businesses.



### In the kitchen

Stop and think – not down the sink

Each year, South West Water removes around 3,000 tonnes of fat and food waste from the region's sewers – enough to fill 21 double-decker buses.

### In the bathroom

Don't flush and forget it

Blockages can be caused by flushing any of The Dirty Dozen down the toilet.



**Remember:** Sewers are for sewage. If it can't be composted or recycled, bag it and bin it - **don't flush it.**