WHY DRAIN MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Taking care of your drains helps prevent clogs, unpleasant odours, water damage, and costly plumbing repairs.

Over time, grease, hair, soap, and food scraps can build up inside pipes and cause blockages.

A few simple habits can help keep your household drains working properly.

Remember: *Preventing a clog is easier than dealing with a backup!*

SIMPLE DRAIN CARE CHECKLIST

- ☑ Check drains monthly for slow drainage or odours.
- ☑ Use strainers in sinks, showers, and tubs.
- ☑ Keep grease, oil, and food scraps out of drains.
- ☑ Clean hair and debris from drain covers.
- ☑ Avoid harsh chemical drain cleaners.
- ☑ Keep outdoor drains and gutters clear.

DRAIN MAINTENANCE

Simple Tips to Protect Your Home

Prevent clogs, reduce plumbing problems, and keep your household drains working properly.

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KITCHEN DRAIN CARE

Your kitchen sink is not a garbage can! Grease and food scraps can build up inside pipes and cause blockages.

Keep These Out of Your Drain:

✗ Cooking grease, fats, and oils

✗ Coffee grounds and tea leaves

✗ Rice, pasta, and food scraps

✗ Eggshells and vegetable peels

Helpful Tips:

✓ Use a sink strainer to catch food scraps.

✓ Wipe greasy pans before washing.

✓ Dispose of cooled grease in the garbage using a suitable container.



BATHROOM DRAIN CARE

Hair, soap residue, and personal care products can build up in bathroom drains.

Keep Drains Clear:

✓ Use hair catchers in showers and bathtubs.

✓ Clean drain covers regularly.

✓ Avoid rinsing thick or oily products down sinks.

Only flush human waste and toilet paper.

Never flush:

✗ Wipes (even if labelled "flushable")

✗ Paper towels or tissues

✗ Feminine hygiene products

✗ Cotton swabs or dental floss

✗ Diapers or other garbage

WARNING SIGNS & PLUMBING PROBLEMS

Watch for these common drain problems:

Slow Drains

Water takes longer than usual to drain. This may indicate a buildup of hair, grease, or soap.

Gurgling Sounds

Unusual bubbling or gurgling may indicate a partial blockage.

Unpleasant Odours

Bad smells may be caused by buildup or dry drain traps.

Frequent Backups

Repeated backups may indicate a more serious plumbing problem.

NEED HELP WITH A DRAIN PROBLEM?

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