

## How to prevent your drains from clogging!

### Dear Tenants

It is our responsibility as landlords to ensure that your drains do not leak and function properly.

It is your responsibility as tenants to ensure no food/waste or fat contaminates and blocks the drains.

If your drains become blocked, we would like to give you some easy tips on how to avoid this issue.

### Prevention Tips:

- Keep food, coffee grounds and grease [out of kitchen drains](#).
- Put leftover food in the trash or compost heap, not the garbage disposal.
- [Pour liquid grease](#) into a sealable container. After it cools, put it in the trash or take it to a recycling centre.
- Keep hair and soap scum out of bathroom drains. Cover your tub and shower drains with a mesh screen or a perforated shower drain hair catcher. Either one will collect the hair and let the water run through.
- A shower drain hair catcher may be made of stainless steel, silicone or a combination of both. Another way to keep hair from clogging the shower drain is to replace the shower or tub stopper with one that has a built-in screen.
- Brush your hair before you shower or take a bath. This process removes loose hair and keeps it from clogging the shower drain. If you must bathe your dog in the tub or shower, place a washcloth over the drain. The amount of hair a dog sheds during a bath can even clog your regular shower drain hair catcher.
- Watch what you flush. Toilets are designed to handle human waste and toilet paper. Flushing dense, stringy or bulky materials can [cause a clog](#)
- Dental floss, feminine hygiene products and other household waste should go in the trash instead.

### How to Keep Your Drains Clean

- **Run hot water through the sink after each use.** Hot water keeps oils in food products running down the drain, rather than building up on the interior surface of pipes, which can make drains sluggish and lead to clogs.
- **Throw a handful of baking soda into the drain and follow it with hot water.** Baking soda is a terrific cleaning agent, and it's also great for absorbing foul odors and leaving your drain pipes smelling like a rose. Okay, maybe not like a rose, but a lot better than they otherwise would.

- **Pour 1 cup of vinegar down the drain and let it sit for 30 minutes;** then chase it down with very hot water. Vinegar is a wonder cleaner. It contains acetic acid, which acts as an excellent organic solvent in removing organic build-up of crud in pipes
- **Use a bacterial drain cleaner once a month to maintain your drains.** Unlike chemical drain cleaners, bacterial drain cleaners are biodegradable and non-corrosive, so they won't damage your pipes. Preventing sink, tub and shower clogs before they occur is the best way to keep drains clear year-round. All it takes is some regular cleaning and a little maintenance.

We strongly believe that by following these easy steps most drainage issues can be prevented. However, if you experience a problem, please get in touch with the following trusted company:

1. Dynorod 0333 242 2178  
(charges will apply for this service)