

Are you rainwise?

Working with communities
to manage rainwater



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Growing numbers of people, heavier rainfall and more hard surfaces that don't absorb water (such as roofs, roads and driveways), are putting increasing pressure on our sewer network.

This means that during some periods of heavy rainfall, more water is entering the sewer network than it has been designed to cope with.

By making small changes to your home and garden, you can help reduce the risk of flooding in your community, as well as saving water and money.

- Use water wisely to reduce the amount getting into our sewer system.
Top tip: Switching the tap off while you brush your teeth can save up to six litres of water each time.
- Blocked pipes can increase the risk of sewer flooding. Only toilet paper, pee and poo go down the loo. When cooking put fats, oils and grease in the bin and not the sink.
- Add planters to your garden or yard to reduce the amount of hard surfaces.
Top tip: Why not grow herbs and vegetables in them to use in the kitchen.
- Connect the downpipe from your rainwater gutters to a water butt to store rainwater.
Top tip: You can use this to water your plants or wash your car.
- Create a rain garden to slow the flow of water getting into the sewer system, by digging a sunken area and adding moisture-loving plants.
- Use permeable paving (which allows rainwater to filter naturally through the ground), when renewing patios and drives.

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