

HOW TO KEEP YOUR PUMPING STATION RUNNING SWEETLY

If a Pump Station serves your property, the likelihood is that the property is not connected directly to the mains sewer system.

Sewage pump systems are designed to handle foul water, natural human waste and biodegradable products. Other household waste and non-biodegradable products should never be disposed of through the drainage system.

Disposal of non bio-degradable products will affect the reliability of all pumping stations, causing pumps to block and storage chambers to become congested with non-pumpable waste.

Bear in mind too that it isn't only the toilet that is connected to the station; anything that goes down the sink, bath etc. also ends up there.

The following MUST NOT be discharged into the drains

- **Cleaning Rags**
- **Cloths**
- **Syringes & Hypodermic Needles**
- **Medicines & Medical Equipment.** Take unused medicines to a pharmacist for safe disposal.
- **Grease & Fat.** These products tend to cool down, separate from the water and coagulate within the pump chamber. Fat & grease encase the pump and floats, causing blockages and failure of the pumps.
- **Nappies, Sanitary Towels/Tampons, Incontinence Materials, Soft Toys, Tennis Balls etc.** Often do not degrade fully and can lead to a malfunction, so it is best to dispose of them by other means. Fabric cleansing wipes & nappy liners can block pipe work. They should not be flushed into the drainage system.

Routine De-Sludging and Maintenance

Pump Stations over time accumulate settled solids. It is good practice to check and necessary empty/desludge these at the same time as any treatment unit. It is vital to the systems ongoing operation and should be carried out regularly.

Servicing of your Pump Station must be performed by properly trained personnel such as Tekserv Engineers or other persons suitably qualified and experienced in this type of work.