

# Make your own fat trap



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**Drains and sewers are designed to take away waste water from homes, schools and businesses but people often put other things down the drain too. Fats, oils and greases cause a big problem because they solidify in the pipes and cause blockages and flooding.**

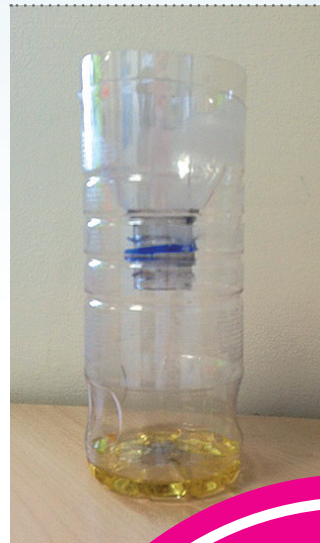
We have fat traps which customers can collect from visitor sites or order free from our website [stwater.co.uk/fat-trap](http://stwater.co.uk/fat-trap) but you could always make one (or two!).

## You will need:

- An old 1 litre bottle (preferably with lid) or a used can
- A funnel (if using a bottle)
- Paint
- Paint brushes
- Decorations and glue (optional)

## What to do:

1. Remove any labels from the tin or bottle.
2. Add your special touch by decorating the bottle or tin to suit the kitchen it is going to be placed in. You can decorate it any way you like, but our advice is to make it pretty and colourful so that people will use it. You could even include some messages telling people to put used cooking fats, oils and greases in it instead of down the sink!
3. Once your fat trap is dry, give it to your parents or family member and tell them to pour used fat into it after cooking. Once they've let the fat cool first.
4. If you're using a bottle and it has a lid, you can reseal the bottle to make sure that any smells are kept inside.



## Points for discussion:

Why shouldn't people put fats, oils and greases down the plug hole?

Why does the fat get stuck in the pipes?

Who is responsible for fixing a problem if a pipe is blocked?

What could happen if a pipe got blocked?

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