

BLOCKAGES

Everything you need to know
... but were afraid to ask!

DROP-OFF SITES	GARAGE WASTE*	CLEAN GARDEN WASTE**	MOTOR OIL	CANS AND METAL	PAPER	CARD-BOARD	GLASS BOTTLE	PLASTIC	E-WASTE	CLEAN BUILDER'S RUBBLE*	POLY-STYRENE	TETRA PAK
ATLANTIS Dassenberg Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BELHAR Adam Tas Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DE GRENDDEL Cnr 5th Ave and Bertie Genade St, Parow	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DELFT Fabrik Street	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
GORDON'S BAY Sir Lowry's Pass Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HOUT BAY Main Road, near Mandela Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
KILLARNEY Potsdam Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
KOMMETJIE Kommetjie Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LADIES MILE Ladies Mile Road, Constantia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MACASSAR Kramat Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RAVENSMEAD Industrial Ring Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RETREAT 10th Avenue	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SCHAAPKRAAL Old Schaapkraal Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SEA POINT Tramway Road			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SIMON'S TOWN Blue Waters Close	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TYGERDAL Orange Street	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
WELGELEGEN Akademie Street	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
WYNBERG Rosmead Avenue	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
WOODSTOCK Beach Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

TRANSFER STATIONS: DROP OFF FACILITIES AVAILABLE	GARAGE WASTE*	CLEAN GARDEN WASTE**	MOTOR OIL	CANS AND METAL	PAPER	CARD-BOARD	GLASS	PLASTIC	E-WASTE	CLEAN BUILDER'S RUBBLE*	POLY-STYRENE	TETRA PAK
ATHLONE REFUSE TRANSFER STATION Settlers Way**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
KRAAIFONTEIN REFUSE TRANSFER STATION Cnr Maroela and Sandringham Roads	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DISPOSAL SITES MIXED LOADS	GARAGE WASTE*	CLEAN GARDEN WASTE**	MOTOR OIL	CANS AND METAL	PAPER	CARD-BOARD	GLASS	PLASTIC	E-WASTE	CLEAN BUILDER'S RUBBLE*	POLY-STYRENE	TETRA PAK
BELLVILLE SOUTH LANDFILL SITE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
COASTAL PARK LANDFILL SITE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
VISSERSHOK LANDFILL SITE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Only 1 x 1,3 ton load per person per day accepted for garage waste and clean builder's rubble.

**Only 3 x 1,3 ton loads per person per day accepted for clean garden waste.

A new tariff of R57 (VAT incl) was introduced for a load of builder's rubble in excess of 1,3 tons. Loads of less than 1,3 tons remain free.

Note: Garage waste is defined as any household waste other than residential waste, clean builder's rubble or clean garden refuse generated at residential properties. • Clean garden waste is defined as superfluous vegetation generated by gardening activities on properties zoned and used for residential or domestic purposes in the City of Cape Town's municipal jurisdiction. • Clean builder's rubble is defined as waste consisting of broken bricks, sand stone, cement, plaster and similar inert materials, but excluding paper, plastic, wood, glass, metal and hazardous waste. Clean builder's rubble is utilised for the construction of temporary roads on disposal sites and should therefore not damage vehicle tyres.



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Call centre number **0860 103 089** Solid Waste Management

Water and Sanitation



The City of Cape Town Water Services's Directorate has the responsibility of managing and maintaining 650 km of bulk water conveyance pipelines, ± 10 000 km of water (reticulation) pipes, 10 water treatment works, ± 9 000 km of sewerage pipelines and 23 wastewater treatment works.

The City's sewer system is under tremendous stress because it is being abused, unknowingly in most cases, by people who just don't know of any other way to dispose of their waste.

Think of the impact on the system if anything other than what should normally be flushed down the toilet (urine, faeces, toilet paper) or down the kitchen sink (water, washing liquid), getting into the sewers and ultimately cause a blockage.

What causes blockages?

The sort of things that cause blockages are fats, rags, tampons, hair, roots, sand, newspaper, disposable nappies, building materials, oil, stones, plastics, sharp objects, cutlery and even the bodies of fetuses.

- Fat is a major problem because it builds up inside certain types of pipes. It acts like glue attracting rags, hair, paper, plastics and in no time, a blockage is caused.
- Oil, paraffin, paint etc, contaminate thousands of litres of sewage and cause serious problems at the treatment works.

- Discharging stormwater (rainwater) into the sewer can overload the sewer and fill it completely which could result in the discharge of sewerage out of the manholes into the street.

Preventative measures

The following preventative measures may be taken to ensure that the sewerage system does not block:

- Allow fat (from fatty food when cooking) to cool and congeal or solidify. Once this is solid, wrap it in newspaper or put it in a bag before placing in the refuse bin which is collected weekly.
- Rags, paper, tampons and disposable nappies should be disposed of in the normal household bin or sanitary bins provided by businesses.
- Sand often enters the sewer system due to illegal connections from stormwater drains. Building inspectors should ensure a full inspection of all buildings before signing off the inspection sheet. On your own premises, sweep sand away from the drains and dispose of it in small amounts in the normal household bin, or at your local drop-off site.
- Roots growing through the sewer system are very common. The Environment is very conducive to the development of root growth and there is not really a solution except if you fell the tree.
- Most building materials enter the sewer system when contractors/builders dump these materials into the sewer through the manholes. This causes unnecessary stress on the system.
- Most illegal dumping of oil occurs in the industrial areas as well as garages. The only way to prevent this is to have inspections on a regular basis.
- Sometimes even the bodies of fetuses are found in the sewer system.

- Do not drain rainwater from the roof and paving into the sewer.
- Ensure that all manhole covers and access covers on rodding eyes and external pipework are in place. This prevents odours and cockroaches from exiting the system and sand, stone, sticks, toys, etc from entering the system.
- Do not try to unblock your private drain. Call a plumber to assist you.

Stormwater drains

Stormwater drains are often mistakenly used as a wastewater disposal system. It should be noted that stormwater drains are provided by the municipality solely to drain excess rainwater away so that flooding is minimised. When these drains are used as a disposal point for oil, fat, builders rubble, etc, blockages occur in the system and the risk of flooding is heightened when the rains come down.

**Do not try to unblock your private drain.
Call a plumber to assist you!**

Report any broken or missing stormwater grids, manhole covers or access covers on rodding eyes to the 24-hr Technical Operations Centre:

Sharecall: 0860 10 30 89

E-mail: WaterTOC@capetown.gov.za

SMS: 31373 with details (max.160 characters)