

# HOME ENVIRONMENT HEALTH CHECKLIST



There is widespread concern about environmental pollution and the threat caused by climate change to our planet. So, what can householders do to help?

One thing is to use the Home Environment Checklist, drawn up by Catalyst Services UK.

It allows you to assess the health of your home's wastewater and clean water pipe systems – and how you use them. Then you can take steps, if necessary, to minimise the risk of harm to the environment and reduce your home's carbon footprint.

The checklist's colour-coded tick boxes will show you where things are going well, where further investigations or measures might be helpful, and where urgent action could be needed.

**Green** Great work, everything is looking good.

**Red** Something needs to change | Something could be wrong

**Amber** You may need more information | Is it worth a try?

Click below or print and tick

1. Are my drains fit for purpose? Do any of the following apply to you property?	Foul Drain	Surface Water Dain	Don't Know
Washing machine in garage, outbuilding or extension Is it plumbed into a foul drain or a surface water drain?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sink in garage, outbuilding, or extension Is it plumbed into a foul drain or a surface water drain?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Toilet in garden room Is it plumbed into a foul drain or a surface water drain?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sink in garden room or shed Is it plumbed into a foul sewer or surface drain?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If you have an off-mains wastewater system serving your home or business Does it meet requirements of <b>General binding rules:</b> small sewage discharge to the ground?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If you or a contractor have carried out work on your property's drainage system Does it meet <b>Building Regulations (2010) guidance documents H1-H6?</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Am I maintaining my drains properly? Do any of the following apply to your property?	YES	NO
Persistent bad smells in the bathroom, kitchen or utility room	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Slow draining toilet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Slow draining sink	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Damp patches in walls, ceilings or floors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mould growth in walls and ceilings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bad smells close to external drain covers and gullies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boggy ground in the garden	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Damp patches on driveways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Patches of faster growing vegetation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bad smell around a septic tank	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boggy ground around a septic tank	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Faster vegetation growth around a septic tank	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Blocked gully pots	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Damaged gully pots or covers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Damaged above ground pipework and gutters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. Am I using my drains properly? Do any of the following apply to your use of your drains and sewers?	YES	NO
We always wipe fats, oils and food fragments from pans and plates and put the waste in the bin before washing up – including in the dishwasher	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We never dispose of even small quantities of used oils down sinks and drains	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We use a food waste sink strainer to catch food and plastic fragments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We never flush wet wipes down the loo	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We never flush sanitary products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We never flush dental floss	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We only ever flush pee, poo and toilet paper	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Do I have water a leak? Do any of the following apply to your property?	YES	NO
Hissing sounds in walls, floors or ceilings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dripping sounds in walls, floors or ceilings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Damp patches and cracks in walls, floors or ceilings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mould growth in walls and ceilings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taps running slowly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unexplained large water bill	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water meter turning when no water is being used	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Damp ground or unusual vegetation growth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water constantly flowing into toilet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Can I save water? Do you make use of any of these water saving measures?	YES	NO
Shower regulator installed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Eco showerhead fitted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Toilet leak detection strips used	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water saving plant gel used	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use a four minute shower timer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use a children's two minute teeth cleaning timer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Toilet cistern bag fitted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Switch off shower while soaping body and hair	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tap aerators fitted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water butt/s installed in garden	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### About Catalyst Services UK

Catalyst Services UK provides specialist investigations, repair and renewal services for the insurance industry, as well as commercial and domestic clients.

Its expertise is focussed primarily on drainage systems, including off-mains drainage, water supply systems, subsidence investigation, environmental services, and home emergency services.