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**24 HOURS 7 DAYS**

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## Blocked Drains Adelaide

**24 hours, 7 days a week.**

Blocked Drains. No matter the time or day, Metropolitan Plumbing can have a plumber with you within an hour to fix your blocked drain.

If you are experiencing slow drainage of your sink or toilet, bubbling or gurgling sounds, or odour associated with sewage then give us a call immediately. They could all be indicators of a blocked sewage system and any delays could potentially be costly.

Blocked drains can be caused by a variety of factors including:

### Foreign Objects

Drainpipes can become congested through a build up of items like hair, food waste and soap. Initially this may only slightly affect water flow but over time they will become blocked. In the bathroom this may occur due to the flushing of excess toilet paper and sanitary products down the toilet. Regardless of the location, allowing these minor blockages to remain untreated may result in greater hassles and expense in the future.

### Rain or Storms

During heavy storms drains often become blocked due to the increased volume of water. Drains are generally not designed for this increase and the likelihood of blockages increases dramatically. They are capable of dealing with your regular usage but extreme weather puts them under increased pressure. Outdoor drains are susceptible to a buildup of debris during heavy rain or storms. Leaves, dirt and rubbish can collect and cause the drains to block. If unattended these blockages can lead to flooding and property damage.

### Broken Pipes

Broken pipes can occur due to intrusions (by tree roots), poor installation, building work, shifting soil and general wear and tear. Regardless of the cause, broken pipes can be disruptive and costly depending on their location. Drain cameras can be used to determine the exact location of the breakage from above ground and reduce the need to replace the entire drain. Depending on the extent of the blockage/damage this may still have to occur.

### Incorrect Installation

The recent explosion of DIY culture has been met by the increase in incorrectly installed plumbing and draining pipes. The initial savings of DIY are offset by the longer term repair costs. Incorrect installation can result in misalignment or complete collapse. Not only are these causes of blocked drains but also very costly mistakes. They have the potential to cause damage to not only your own but also your



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## **Solutions**

### **Electric Drain Cleaning**

**Electric Drain Cleaners** (or Electric Eels) comprise a flexible rod with a cutter attached capable of removing objects from drains. Limited by their length, they are capable of cutting larger, stronger roots at short distances. By mechanically feeding rotating cables with the sharp cutting head at the end they cut or scour everything they can reach. They are also ideal for scouring older galvanised and cast iron drains of rust deposits.

### **Hydrojet Drain Cleaning**

High powered **Hydrojets** can be used to clear stubborn drains using highly pressurised water. Up to hundreds of metres in length, these flexible hoses can clean pipes regardless of their location. The Hydrojets simultaneously clean and de-scour the walls of the pipes. The Hydrojets combine a pressure washer with a flexible jetter hose and a specifically designed drain clearing nozzle. They are capable of removing tree roots as well as flushing out residue. The high powered nature of the Hydrojets combined with their length and flexibility can often remove the need for excavation of your drains.

### **CCTV**

For longer term/constant issues with drains or pipes a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) inspection may provide the solution. They are capable of providing insights that were previously impossible, all without excavation. They are used to determine the condition of drains and pipes and discovering faults requiring repair. **CCTV** can pin point the exact point of blockage whether it is by misaligned pipe, a breakage or foreign object in the drain. The cable is hardened with an illuminated camera on the end with the vision monitored on a colour screen. The camera contains a locating device to pinpoint the exact depth and location of the camera (and therefore any issues).

### **Excavation**

The last resort is the excavation of damaged drains using an excavator (size dependant on the job). Excavations would occur in cases of frequent blockages or when the plumber is unable to clear the blockage. CCTV will be used before any excavation to minimise the affected area and therefore the cost. **Excavation** is definitely the last resort but also a permanent solution that can provide years of hassle free drainage.



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