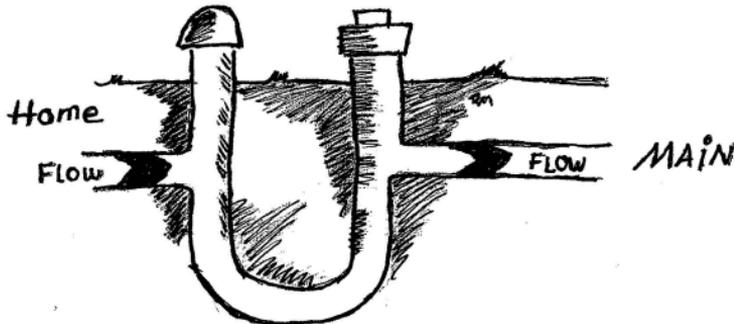


## The Importance of Your Wastewater Traps and Vents

Traps prevent clogs and sewer gases contained in wastewater from entering your living space, the public sewer or septic tanks. Sewer traps capture and hold a small volume of water in the drain line to form an airlock against sewer gases. Vents equalize pressure and allow sewer gases to escape to the atmosphere without creating a vacuum. The lack of vacuum allows a steady, quiet and quick flow of wastewater. As long as the vent pipe is tall enough, sewer odor should be nonexistent. Some people mistakenly cover or cement over their house trap or will cut and cap their vent line. It is extremely important that these vent lines remain clear and free for air flow. Each trap and clean out should be 6" above grade. This height prevents storm water from entering into the collection system.

### Potential Warning Signs of Clog

You may become alerted to a clog if multiple plumbing fixtures become backed up at one time. Be aware of unusual sounds such as a gurgling noise when water is running down the sink, bath tub, washing machine or toilet. Another indication of a problem is when a drain clogs again and again.



If you have any questions or concerns about your traps and vents, please contact us.