

# Unblocking drains

## Use an unblocking agent

Boiling water - boil your kettle with as much water as it can hold and pour it slowly and carefully down the drain.

Baking soda and vinegar - mix equal parts baking soda and white vinegar. The reaction will cause the mixture to fizz, so pour it straight down the drain. The fizzy effect can help your drain unblock.

Chemical cleaner - if you've tried the above with no success, you can buy chemical unblocker in most supermarkets. Always follow the instructions on the packaging.

## Get out the plunger

Remove the drain stopper and plug the overflow hole with a wet rag or sponge.

Place the plunger over your plughole and cover with water to create an airtight seal.

Gripping the handle with both hands, push the plunger up and down without breaking the airtight seal. This should dislodge the blockage.

## Clean the pipe

Place an empty bucket under the U-shaped pipe to collect any leaks.

Use a wrench to loosen the nuts at each end of the pipe and then carefully remove the pipe.

Empty the contents of the pipe into the bucket and clean the inside with an old toothbrush. Rinse with water and then reattach the pipe.