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KEEP STORMWATER
AND WASTEWATER
SEPARATE

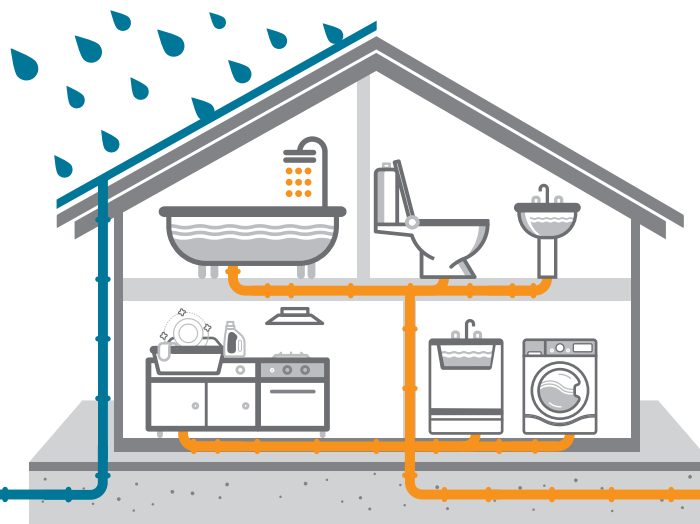
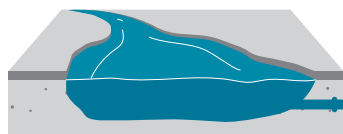


HELP PREVENT SEWAGE DISCHARGES INTO OUR GISBORNE RIVERS

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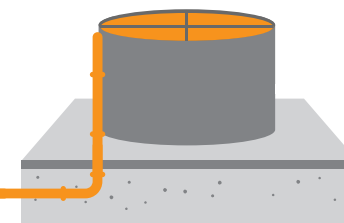
STORMWATER

Drains to our rivers and streams



WASTEWATER

Flows to our Treatment Plant



Did you know that stormwater doesn't go to the treatment plant?

Stormwater is essentially rain that runs off your house, footpaths, roads and other surfaces.

The stormwater travels via gutters, grates, pipes and open drains. This is called the 'Stormwater Network'.

The stormwater network carries this water to the nearest stream or river.

This means any waste that enters the stormwater network will also enter (untreated) into our environment.

Stormwater that enters the wastewater network can flood that system and result in sewage overflows into people's properties and into our rivers.

So it's critical that we keep our stormwater and wastewater

SEPARATE!

Wastewater, also known as sewage, is the used water and waste from your home's bathroom, kitchen and laundry.

It's a mix of water, poos, pee and discharge from your washing machine, dishwasher, sinks, showers and baths.

The wastewater network is only for wastewater, not stormwater. The wastewater network takes all of our wastewater to the Banks Street treatment plant.

If stormwater gets into the wastewater network, it can flood it before it even gets to the treatment plant (causing sewage discharges). This is why we need to keep stormwater out of the wastewater network.

At the treatment plant, the wastewater is screened to remove the solid waste then biologically filtered before being released 1.8km out to sea.

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