

## **Drains**

The drainage pipes from the sink and wash basin become easily blocked by grease and food leftovers.

The best way of avoiding a blocked drain is to throw coffee dregs, tea leaves, leftovers, etc., directly in the bin and not in the sink. A blocked drain can lead to flooding and rising damp.

You can easily clean drains by regularly removing hair and other impurities from the floor drain in the bathroom, wash basin and sink. If the water starts to drain slowly, remove the obstruction from the strainer/drainpipe. If this is not possible, contact your house caretaker.

A blocked drain is a serious problem and must be fixed immediately. Under no circumstance must you use blocked drain dissolvent like caustic soda or other chemical substances. Not only are these harmful to the environment, but they can also cause caustic burns to the skin and eyes and damage the plumbing.

## **Sink/wash basin plugholes**

You can often remove strands of hair in the strainer by taking out the plug and cleaning the plughole. To clean the strainer from below, you must remove the access lid/plug. Place a bucket under the basin and remove any impurities that have got stuck. Rinse the pipe with hot water. An old toothbrush is perfect from cleaning sink/wash basin drains.

## **Floor drains**

The floor drain in a bathroom and shower room is equipped with a water trap. To prevent flooding and bad odour, you must clean the water trap at regular intervals.

## **Cleaning the floor drain**

It's easy to clean the floor drain yourself! Lift off the grate/strainer covering the floor drain.

Wipe or brush away hair and other impurities that are stuck in the drain. You may also be able to remove the water trap for cleaning. If something is stuck in the drainpipe, you can carefully remove it using e.g. a piece of steel wire. Brush/clean the drain and rinse it with hot water from the hand shower.

Carefully replace the water trap and replace the grate/strainer. Ensure that there is enough water in the floor drain. If the water trap is not replaced correctly, you will notice a bad odour from the drain.

## How to clean the floor drain:

