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Overflow Relief Gully



*Above and below:
Examples of Overflow
Relief Gullies.*



What is an overflow relief gully?

The overflow relief gully (ORG) serves an important purpose allowing sewerage to discharge outside the building should the sewerage main or property service drain become blocked.

What does it look like?

Overflow relief gullies are between 100 and 150mm in diameter and are either made of plastic or metal alloy. (see examples pictured to the left)

In some properties there are fittings that may look like an ORG that are called “disconnecter gullies”. These can be converted to an ORG, provided it is lower than any other waste outlet in the home.

Are all properties fitted with an ORG?

No. During the late 1970's most properties constructed had an ORG installed. Prior to this properties connected to the sewerage did not have an ORG unless additional work has been carried out since. Coliban Water recommends property owners check their properties to ensure an ORG has been fitted, and if necessary arrange to have one installed by a licensed plumber.

How does it work?

In the event of a sewerage blockage that causes the flow to backup the loose fitting grate on top of the ORG should be free to “pop off” completely. If correctly installed, this allows the sewerage flow that has backed up in the pipes to escape at the ORG, outside, rather than inside your home or business. Plumbing regulations require ORG's to be installed a minimum of 150mm below the lowest fixture, which is usually a floor waste or shower.

ORG Responsibilities

It is the property owner's responsibility to make sure their home is fitted with a properly designed and working ORG.

Further Information

Please contact Coliban Water on 1300 363 200.

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