

## **Amelec in the Utilities Sector - Did you know?**

It is important that you are aware who is responsible for the drain / sewer at your property.

A common misconception is that councils & water utility companies are responsible for maintaining all drains, however this is not always the case.

For houses built after 1<sup>st</sup> October 1937, all pipework serving more than one property will be a private sewer until it joins the public sewer (possibly some distance away & normally under the road) and should be maintained by all the property owners using it, sharing the costs of any repairs equally.

Being aware of who is responsible will help to prevent any disputes in the event of a blocked or damaged drain / sewer at your property.

If you are not sure, then your local council's Technical Services Department should be able to help you determine responsibility for your drainage system.