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## **UPDATED GUIDANCE FROM BPF PIPES GROUP ON WATERLESS TRAPS**

The BPF Pipes Group has issued updated guidance on waterless traps for those involved in housebuilding and building construction or renovation.

Although water traps have been around for many years, providing protection from foul gases in the drainage system entering a building, their water seals can fail for a number of reasons. Waterless traps, which have also been around for years, provide an alternative solution due to their self-sealing membrane, along with their space-saving qualities. They open during use and then close again once waste water has drained through the fitting. They cannot lose their seal due to the factors leading to water trap seal loss and maintain a seal even when water use is intermittent.

The updated guidance covers the different types of water traps in use and looks at best practice for specifying, installing and maintaining waterless traps. Regulatory guidance is covered, along with the various advantages and disadvantages of waterless traps. Applications and good practice are also covered.

The guidance (Issue 2) is free to download from the BPF Pipes Group website at <https://bit.ly/3QyrDPr>