

Should I be using a Silt Trap with my soakaway system?

Basically, if you're going through the trouble of designing, buying and installing a soakaway system, then you're probably not going to want it to fill up with muck and stop working within a few years. This is what a Silt Trap does.



What is a Silt Trap?

A silt trap looks like a vertical pipe, the water from the roof or drain goes in one side of it, falls into the bottom of the trap, and then comes out the other side. The incoming water comes in at a higher point than the water going out, meaning that the silt, muck and rubbish falls to the bottom of the trap and only clean water comes out the other side. The Silt Trap has a removable bucket to catch the silt so that it can be regularly emptied and maintained.

Why do I need one?

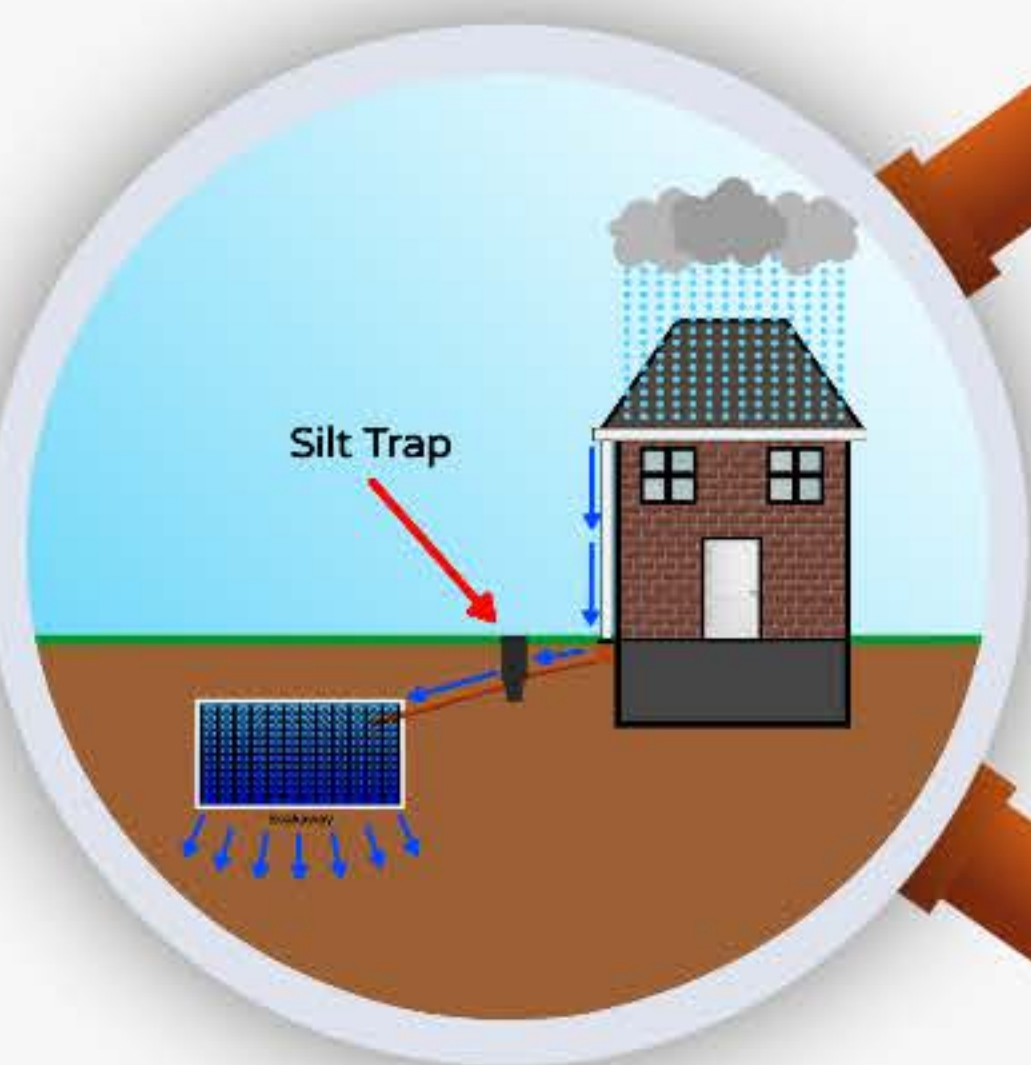
It's surprising just how much silt and rubbish can accumulate inside of a Silt Trap in a short amount of time. All of this would be going directly into your soakaway system otherwise, therefore reducing the amount of space left for the water and making the whole system less efficient. Soon enough, the soakaway won't be holding enough water anymore and will need to be dug up and replaced.



How should I install it?

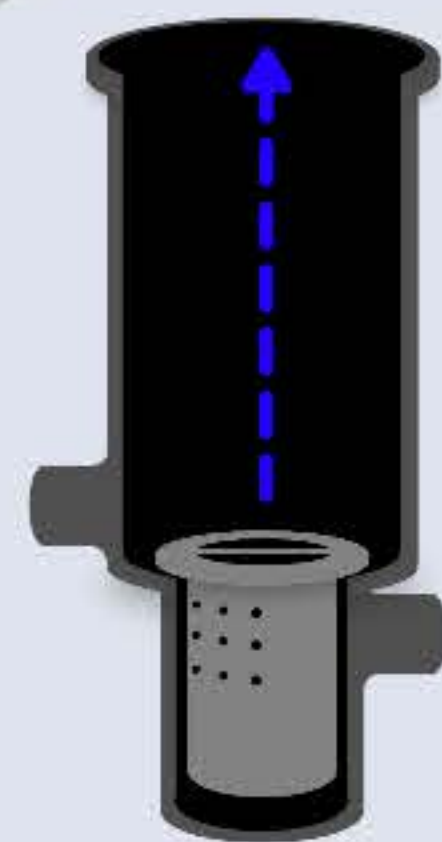
The silt trap is installed along the pipe run before it enters the soakaway system. It's a very simple installation, You just dig out a space for the silt trap to go, then connect the inlet pipe to the higher most inlet on the silt trap and then connect the outlet pipe to the lowest outlet and continue along the run into the soakaway crate system. The Silt Trap can be cut down and the lid re-attached to match the ground height.

Silt Trap



How do I clean it?

Simply remove the cover on the top of the silt trap, reach in and pull out the silt bucket and empty it. Then replace the bucket and lid and done! This should be repeated every few weeks to make sure the Silt Trap is not full and still functioning.



Which Silt Trap do I need?

At EasyMerchant we sell the "EasyMerchant" Silt Trap. One we have had made for us. Check them out on our website!