

Guernsey Water Advice Sheet

Use of Redundant Cesspits



Households which have been connected to mains drainage often have a very valuable asset left over after the completion of the work—the now redundant cesspit.

Why not use it to collect water for the garden*, or water for washing the car. This will help the environment as well as reducing your water bills.

If you intend to utilise your redundant cesspit for functions such as this, then you will need to do the following:

- Have your old cesspit steam-cleaned and sterilised by a drain services professional
- Divert appropriate down-pipes from the roofs and gutters to the (now redundant) pipe leading to the cesspit
- To prevent overflowing, install an exit pipe near the top of the pit designed to run into a soakaway

Now you have safe storage for thousands of litres of usable water, saving potable (drinkable) water for the home and assisting in the conservation of the Island's precious water resources.

** Please note that edible produce should receive a final wash in potable water before consuming.*

Please ensure that any pipework that is not carrying drinking water must not be blue in colour and not connected to the Guernsey Water supply pipework.