

Disconnecting branch pipes on common supply pipes

This factsheet gives guidance on how to disconnect branch pipes on common supply pipes. It has been developed in line with the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999. Please read it carefully or pass it to your plumber, or whoever is carrying out the work on your supply pipe.

Redundant fittings and dead legs

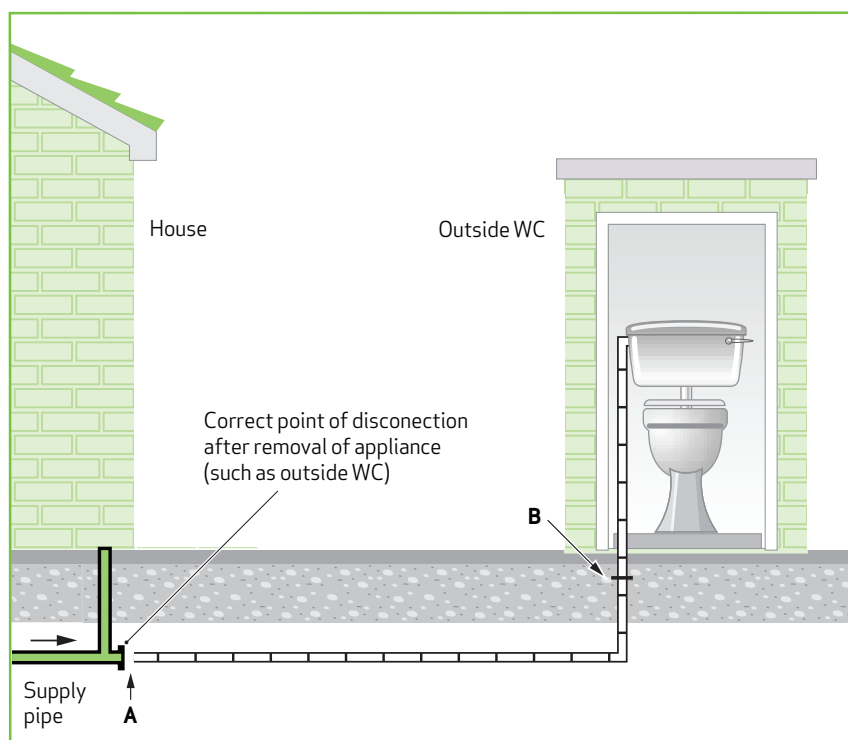
Any draw-off fitting that is permanently removed from the installation should have the branch pipe serving the fitting disconnected at its source.

This is to prevent contamination due to water in any unused pipework becoming stagnant.

It is not acceptable to lay branch pipes which terminate with blank ends to facilitate connection of future appliances unless there is a physical break at the junction with the supply pipe.

A fitting or appliance may however, remain unconnected for a period not exceeding 60 days to allow a reasonable amount of time for installers to obtain replacements for broken or damaged fittings or appliances.

An example of the meaning of this guidance is shown in the diagram. Assuming that the house shown in the diagram has been modernised and that the outside WC will no longer be required, it would not be permissible to seal off the supply pipe at point B. The disconnection would have to be made at point A.



Sealing off redundant pipes

Where can I get further information?

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