

For the future of our environment

## Typical odours

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If you are impacted by a sewage odour (including from farm spreading), please contact [Your local authority](#).

Potential odours from SEPA-regulated activities can range from:

- Waste smells e.g.
  - general waste bin
  - gas e.g. rotten egg type odours which can be associated with landfills
  - burning faeces
  - rotten vegetable/ food
  - rotten vegetation/ compost (can smell sickly sour)
  - burnt matches
  - sweet solvents, such as nail varnish, white spirit, ethanol/ alcohol
  - sour solvents, can smell like vinegar
  - bone/ fish meal activities can smell like quite strong pet food/ dog kibble
  - yeast/ malt
  - smelly wastewater (rotten cabbage) like a drain

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