

SPOTTING THE SIGNS

Your Gutter are Blocked

As you probably know, gutters are small pipes or troughs placed around the edge of a roof that are designed to collect rainwater for the purpose of diverting it away from the property. If these gutters become blocked then the job they are designed to do cannot be done effectively, resulting in damage to paintwork, woodwork, walls, soffits, and fascia. It can also mean water settling in the foundations, resulting in serious problems with damp and mould

1. Overflow

The most obvious sign is water overflowing from the top of the gutters rather than draining down the pipe at the side of the property. This will be most noticeable when it is raining but if you see water dripping from your gutters when it is not raining or when it has not rained for some time, this is a sure sign that there is a blockage somewhere in the guttering.

2. Pipes

Another sign is sagging gutter channels. If you see that the gutters are beginning to sag in the middle, this could be a result of a build-up of leaves and debris that are too heavy for the gutter channels, which then causes them to buckle. You may even notice that the gutter channels are beginning to pull away from the roof.

3. External Walls

If you happen to notice the external walls of your property starting to look discoloured, blocked gutters are probably the main cause. This discolouration occurs after a long period of water dripping onto, or penetrating deep into, the walls. If this happens then you really need to get the gutters cleaned as soon as possible, as damp walls can lead to mould and all of its associated issues.