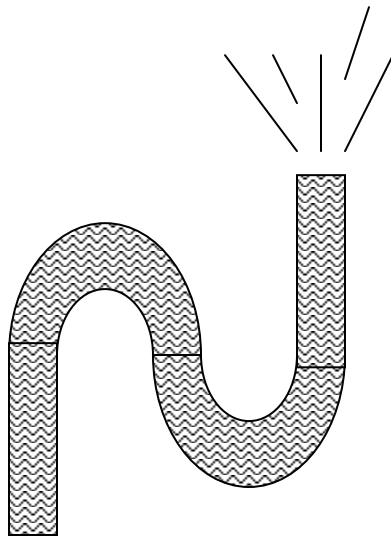


The example above shows a sewer gas trap working as it should. The gas, indicated by the wavy lines, is stopped by the pool of water (in blue) that settles at the lowest point in the trap.



The example immediately above shows a sewer gas trap that is not working because there is no water present in the trap. As a result, the gas is free to escape into the living area of the apartment. A cup or two of water poured into the trap will fix this problem. . . obviously something a tenant can do themselves if properly instructed!