



What are
balancing ponds?



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Balancing ponds are a type of drainage feature found at a lot of new developments. They're also known as floor or attenuation basins and help to protect the area from flooding by collecting and holding surface water and then releasing it into the drainage system or surrounding ground.

What do I need to know about the balancing pond on my development?

You don't need to worry about the balancing pond near your home, they're seen as very low risk. However, it's important to know that they're not areas for play and supervise children around them. The ponds usually have steep sides and if we have a lot of rainfall then the water levels can change quite quickly.

How do you look after the balancing pond?

We will regularly inspect our balancing ponds and make sure that they're properly maintained. If you notice the pond near your home become overgrown, contains a lot of rubbish or if the water level doesn't fall again after heavy rainfall, then please let us know by calling **0345 60 20 540**.

Remember:

- Don't let children or pets play in or around the pond
- Do not let anyone swim in the pond if it contains water
- If you notice anything that doesn't look right or you have any concerns
- about the pond please call us on **0345 60 20 540**
- If anyone falls into the pond and cannot get out, call 999 immediately