Seven things that affect bathing water quality





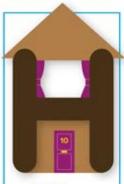
... is for
Blooms. Not just
algae blooms
but also
seaweed. Algae
can produce
toxins and the
Environment
Agency suggests
some seaweeds
harbour
bacteria



... is for
Animals. Dog,
bird and other
animal poo can
affect bathing
water as it often
contains high
levels of bacteria
(much higher
than treated
human waste)



... is for
The body. Also known as 'bather shedding', this refers to the shedding of organic waste from swimmers' bodies and stirring of sediment caused by swimming and playing in water



... is for
Homes.
Domestic
sewage from
misconnected
drains and
poorly located
and maintained
septic tanks can
pollute surface
water systems



... is for Infrastructure. Combined sewer overflows, which protect homes and gardens from sewer flooding, are designed to operate at times of heavy rain under strict conditions



... is for
Nitrates. Water
draining from
farms and
farmland,
manure from
livestock or
poorly stored
slurry can wash
into rivers and
streams resulting
in nasties
entering the sea



Rainwater
draining from
streets and
roads, and water
draining from
urban areas
following heavy
rain, can contain
pollution from
a variety of
sources

