

Currents

Martin J. Walsh, Mayor | Henry F. Vitale, Executive Director

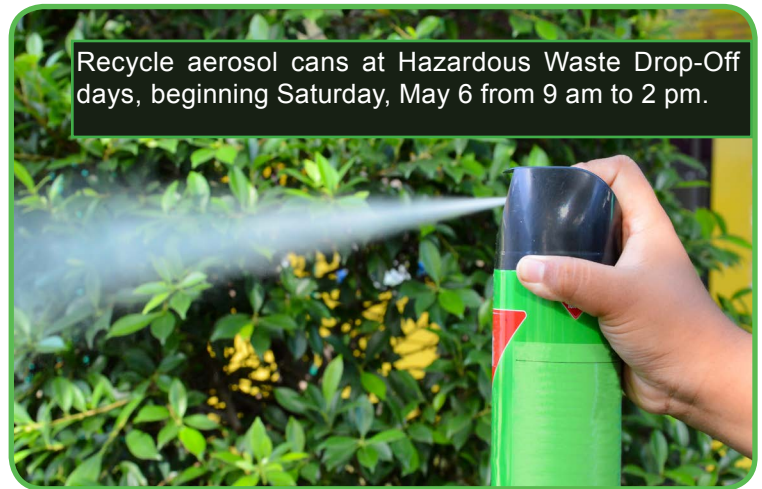
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How to Use and Safely Dispose of Pesticides and Fertilizers

Insecticides and fertilizers help a garden grow and flourish. When used properly, these chemicals can protect plants from damage. However, if disposed of improperly, chemicals can pollute stormwater runoff and ultimately contaminate our waterways. To use fertilizers and pesticides properly, you need to know the do's and don'ts of their use.

DO'S

- ✓ Follow label instructions carefully.
- ✓ Use only the amount specified on the label. Excess chemicals can wash into local waterways.
- ✓ Bring any remaining chemicals to a Boston *Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off* site for proper disposal. Visit www.boston.gov/trash-and-recycling-guide for more information.



DON'TS

- ✗ Don't let these chemicals run into a catch basin.
- ✗ Don't dispose of remaining chemicals with your trash.
- ✗ Don't water right after applying these chemicals, unless the product's directions tell you to do so.
- ✗ Don't use these chemicals right before it rains or when it's windy.



Everyone Loves A Parade

As the New England Patriots and fans celebrated another Super Bowl victory, Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh called upon Boston Water and Sewer Commission to assist along the parade route. The Boston Police Department estimates one million people came out that day, and our Operations Crews were honored to assist the Mayor and the City with public safety.



Spring Into Action!

Get actively involved in protecting the environment we all share. You can make a difference by observing or participating in:

Fix a Leak Week - March 20-26

Find and fix any leaks in your house. Bonus: You'll save money by using less water.

World Water Day - March 22

Learn about the global importance of water in our lives. Visit www.worldwaterday.org.

Earth Day - April 22

Help keep our waterways clean now and for future generations. Support the Charles River Cleanup (April 29), Love Your Block (April 28 - May 13) or other local activities.



Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Begins April 10th

Bag, barrel, or tie yard waste for curbside collection on recycling day.

Neighborhood Site Locations

Boston Water and Sewer Commission will have a representative from the Community Services Department at neighborhood locations to offer assistance.



Meet with BWSC Staff

- Pay your water bill with a check or money order -- no cash
- Talk about any problems you may have with your bill or service.
- Find out how much water is being used on your property.
- Plan to make payments on bills that are past due.
- Receive help applying for a senior or disabled person's discount.
- Learn more about BWSC customer programs.

Brighton
Allston/Brighton Child & Family Service Center
406 Cambridge Street
Thursdays, 10 AM - 12 PM
3/23 and 4/20

Chinatown
CCBA
90 Tyler Street
Thursdays, 11 AM - 1 PM
3/9 and 4/13

East Boston
East Boston APAC
21 Meridian Street
Wednesdays, 10 AM - 1 PM
3/8, 3/15 and 4/5, 4/12

Mattapan
Mattapan Public Library
1350 Blue Hill Avenue
Fridays, 10 AM - 12 PM
3/3 and 4/7

South Boston
South Boston APAC
424 West Broadway
Wednesdays, 10 AM - 12 PM
3/29 and 4/26


Charlestown
Golden Age Center
382 Main Street
Tuesdays, 11 AM - 1 PM
3/28 and 4/25

Dorchester
Uphams Corner Municipal Building
500 Columbia Road
Fridays, 10 AM - 12 PM
3/17 and 4/21

Fields Corner
Kit Clark Senior Center
1500 Dorchester Avenue
Mondays, 10 AM - 12 PM
3/27 and 4/24

North End
North End Public Library
25 Parmenter Street
Thursdays, 10 AM - 12 PM
3/2 and 4/6

West Roxbury
Roche Community Center
1716 Centre Street
Fridays, 10 AM - 1 PM
3/31 and 4/28

 **Boston Water and Sewer Commission**
980 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02119
Headquarters are open:
Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM
Wednesdays, 8 AM - 7 PM

 (617) 989-7000  www.bwsc.org

Hyde Park
Hyde Park Municipal Building
1179 River Street
Tuesdays, 10 AM - 1 PM
3/7, 3/21 and 4/4, 4/18

Roslindale
Greater Roslindale Medical & Dental Center
4199 Washington Street
Tuesdays, 10 AM - 1 PM
3/14 and 4/11

South End & Roxbury
Residents of the South End and Roxbury are invited to use the BWSC Headquarters as their neighborhood site location.

Jamaica Plain
Curtis Hall Community Center
20 South Street
Mondays, 10 AM - 12 PM
3/13 and 4/3



Let's Protect Boston's Waterways