

Currents

NEWS FROM BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
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Giving Water A Way

Autumn is a beautiful season for the city of Boston. However, leaves that fall can collect on top of the city's catch basins, also known as storm drains. These leaves, and other debris, can block rainwater from entering into the storm drain system, causing the potential for flooding throughout Boston's streets and neighborhoods.

To prevent local flooding, Boston Water and Sewer Commission and the Department of Public Works perform year round maintenance to keep catch basins clean and free of debris, but there are ways Boston residents can help too.

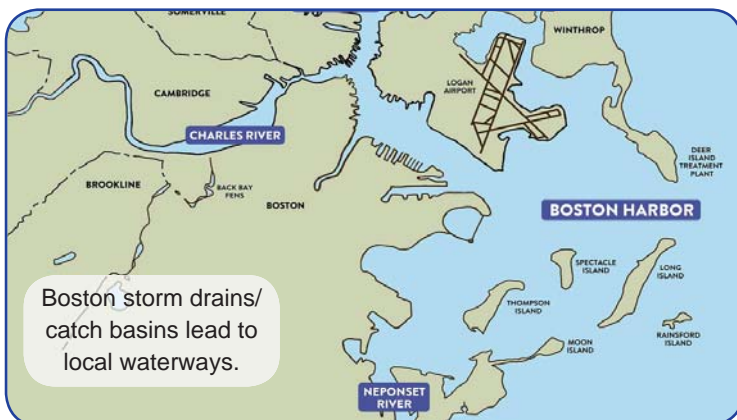
All that's needed is a rake, shovel, broom and a receptacle.



How You Can Help

- Use gloves or other protective gear.
- Clear leaves and other debris from catch basins in your neighborhood or near your business.
- Put leaves and other yard debris in large paper bags or open barrels labeled "YARD WASTE".
- Tie branches with string. Maximum branch size is 3 feet long, 1 inch diameter.
- Place barrels, bags and branches curbside **by 7 AM on your neighborhood's designated recycling day.**

Please **DO NOT** use plastic bags, or put branches in barrels when disposing of your yard waste. Leaf and yard waste collection continues through the first week in December. If you have two trash collection days in the week, leaf and yard waste will only be collected on your recycling day. For more information, call the DPW at 617-635-4900, or visit their website at boston.gov/trash-day-schedule.



What We Can Achieve

- Reduce street flooding that impedes motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.
- Decrease the amount of debris entering the storm drain system.
- Minimize pollution of local waterways, like Boston Harbor and the Charles, Neponset, Muddy and Mystic Rivers.



Fixing Car Leaks Protects Our Waterways

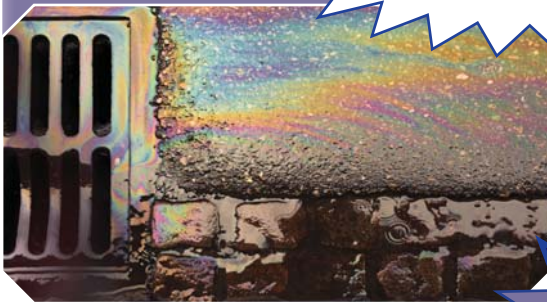
Cars require different types of fluids. When cars have a leak, these fluids fall onto the road, wash into catch basins and end up polluting Boston Harbor and other local waterways.

Let's work together to protect Boston's waterways.

- 1) Check your car for drips or leaks regularly. See or smell something unusual? Get it fixed!
- 2) Put a drip pan or waterproof cloth under your car if you have a leak or are doing engine work.
- 3) Treat motor oil and other automotive fluids as household hazardous waste. Dispose of them at the next Boston Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off (or Paint and Motor Oil Recycling Drop-Off) Day.

The next Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day:

Oct 7 from 9 AM - 2 PM
 UMass Boston (Parking Lot)
 100 Morrissey Blvd
 Boston, MA 02125



Come Meet Our Team!

BWSC@Work

At Boston Water and Sewer Commission, employees work around the clock to provide the City of Boston with the best water, sewer and stormwater services. One of the ways we make sure everything "flows" smoothly is having a team of inspectors on site, overseeing work done on the Commission's many construction projects.

Pictured here is BWSC's team overseeing water and sewer improvements in the North End.



Neighborhood Site Locations

- 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
 9/21 and 10/26

Chinatown
CCBA
 90 Tyler Street
 Thursdays, 11 AM - 1 PM
 9/14 and 10/12

East Boston
East Boston APAC
 21 Meridian Street
 Wednesdays, 10 AM - 1 PM
 9/6, 9/13 and 10/4, 10/11

Mattapan
Mattapan Public Library
 1350 Blue Hill Avenue
 Fridays, 10 AM - 12 PM
 9/1 and 10/6

South Boston
South Boston APAC
 424 West Broadway
 Wednesdays, 10 AM - 12 PM
 9/27 and 10/25

Charlestown
Golden Age Center
 382 Main Street
 Tuesdays, 11 AM - 1 PM
 9/26 and 10/31

Dorchester
Uphams Corner Municipal Building
 500 Columbia Road
 Fridays, 10 AM - 12 PM
 9/8 and 10/13

Fields Corner
Kit Clark Senior Center
 1500 Dorchester Avenue
 Mondays, 10 AM - 12 PM
 9/18 and 10/30

North End
North End Public Library
 25 Parmenter Street
 Thursdays, 10 AM - 12 PM
 9/7 and 10/5

Jamaica Plain
Curtis Hall Community Center
 20 South Street
 Mondays, 10 AM - 12 PM
 9/11 and 10/16



Boston Water and Sewer Commission

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Headquarters is 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
 9/5, 9/19 and 10/3, 10/17

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

Roslindale
Greater Roslindale Medical & Dental Center
 4199 Washington Street
 Tuesdays, 10 AM - 1 PM
 9/12 and 10/24

West Roxbury
Roche Community Center
 1716 Centre Street
 Fridays, 10 AM - 1 PM
 9/29 and 10/27

WE ARE ALL CONNECTED

Let's Protect Boston's Waterways

