

Current Events

BWSC News

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Community Education

Congratulations! to Adriana Cillo

Our Educational coordinator Adriana Cillo was recently given the 2021 "Youth Educator" Award by the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA). Many students have learned so much from Adriana's teaching – kindergarteners to college kids – and groups of all ages! Join in the knowledge by visiting www.bwsc.org/environment-education/teachers-students and request a presentation.



Earth Day - April 22

Invest In Our Planet

In concert with this year's theme, "Invest in Our Planet" BWSC seeks to highlight the proactive approach to providing environmentally low impact stormwater management. BWSC's "green" implementation of stormwater management can be found in many structures all around the city. On our website at bwsc.org/environment-education, you can check out what BWSC is doing to invest through our green programs and innovative green infrastructure.



Fix a Leak Week - March 14-20

EPA 2022 Annual Event

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hosts its annual "Fix a Leak Week" which brings attention to simple ways to prevent unnecessary water loss. Household leaks are responsible for wasting 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide. Consumers can save on their water bill just by fixing household leaks. Find out more at www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week.



Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution:

Dispose of Pesticides and Herbicides Properly

Chemical insecticides and fertilizers can pollute stormwater runoff and ultimately contaminate our waterways. If you use fertilizers and pesticides, there are less toxic, commercially available options. Products such as Bacillus thuringiensis, hot pepper wax, and horticultural oils are made from natural or biological ingredients that are relatively non-toxic to humans, pets and birds. Find out more at www.mwra.com/publications/hhw2005.pdf.

If you plan to use chemicals, remember:

- Never dispose of chemicals in the trash or in the drain. Visit boston.gov/trash-and-recycling-guide for disposal information.
- Don't use chemicals in wind or prior to an expected rain weather forecast
- Follow label instructions carefully and only use the specified amount
- Avoid watering plants right after applying, unless instructions say to do



Don't forget – Pick up after your pet!

Do your Part to Protect Boston's Waterways

Let's work together this spring, pet waste discarded on the street or in catch basins carries harmful bacteria straight into the waterways we rely on for recreation. Always remember to "Scoop the Poop" and dispose of pet waste in the trash. Proper disposal of pet waste protects the environment and our waterways from contamination.



Water Conservation Kits

Request a Water Conservation Kit

Boston residents can call or visit us online to request a free water conservation kit. BWSC water conservation kits consist of:

- bathroom and kitchen faucet aerators to maintain flow while reducing usage
- a low-flow replacement showerhead
- a flow meter bag to measure water usage
- dye tablets to check for toilet leaks

Residents can call us at 617-989-7000

OR visit us online at <https://www.bwsc.org/conservation-kits>.