



Boston Water and Sewer Commission News

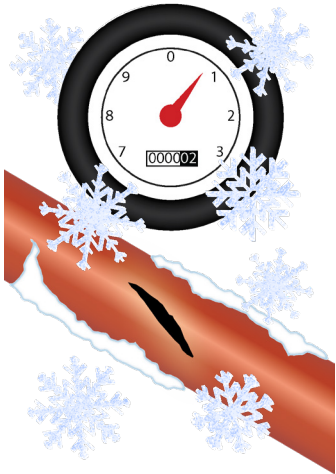


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2022 Grease Lid Giveaway

Once again this Holiday Season we organized BWSC's annual Grease Lid Giveaway, partnering with Shaw's Supermarkets (East Boston and Hyde Park) and the Roslindale Farmers Market to share the message: Can the Grease! The Giveaway's goal is to remind Bostonians that cooking fats, oils and grease (FOG) belong in a container, and not down the drain, where FOG can lead to clogged household plumbing and public sewer backups. Used with an ordinary tin can, BWSC's FREE Grease Lids help cover and store excess FOG, which then can be tossed on trash day. No need to worry if you missed the Giveaway, BWSC provides free grease lids to Boston residents year-round. Just call us at 617-989-7250, or visit www.bwsc.org to request a lid.



Tips to Prevent Frozen Pipes this winter:

- Know where the water shutoff valve is in your home and how to turn it off.
- Keep cabinet doors leading to water pipes open during the winter, this will allow warm air to circulate preventing frozen pipes.
- Seal openings in your home to prevent cold air from leaking through.
- Allow a steady trickle of water to flow from faucets during cold snaps, this may help pipes from freezing.
- Insulate pipes in unheated spaces such as garages, basements, and crawl spaces.
- Water meters may freeze during the winter if not protected from the cold. Be sure basement doors and windows are closed.

2023 Water & Sewer Rates

Consumption (Cu. Ft./Day)	Water		Sewer	
	Per 1,000 Cubic Feet	Per 1,000 Gallons	Per 1,000 Cubic Feet	Per 1,000 Gallons
First 19	\$61.50	\$8.222	\$82.25	\$10.996
Next 20	\$65.68	\$8.780	\$92.58	\$12.377
Next 50	\$71.63	\$9.576	\$106.11	\$14.186
Next 260	\$76.34	\$10.206	\$113.05	\$15.114
Next 950	\$80.35	\$10.742	\$120.47	\$16.106
Over 1299	\$83.65	\$11.183	\$125.62	\$16.794

Chart reflects a 1.5% overall increase in water and sewer charges for 2023. For a typical family household the water and sewer increase of 1.5% will mean \$1.66 per month or \$19.50 in 2023.



Financial Assistance Programs for Qualified Homeowners

The Private Lead Replacement Incentive Program

BWSC offers eligible homeowners \$4,000.00 towards the cost of replacing a lead service pipe. If there is a balance remaining to replace the lead service this amount can be paid over a 60 month period interest free on your water and sewer bill.

Discount for the Elderly and Fully Disabled

A discount is available for homeowners 65 years or older, or fully disabled. Qualifying customers receive a 30% discount on your water and sewer bill.

Sewer Lateral Financial Assistance Program

If you have a blocked, collapsed or leaking waste pipe you may be eligible to participate in the sewer lateral program and be reimbursed up to \$4,000.00.

Sewer Abatement

Sewer abatements allow a separate meter, approved by BWSC, to be placed on the property to register water usage not entering BWSC's sewer system.

Leak Up To Owner Program

When a service pipe leaks, it is essential that it be fixed promptly. This program offers residential property owners the ability to contract with BWSC to repair a water service pipe leak for a reasonable cost. The cost of the repair can be paid interest free for up to 24 months on your water bill.

Learn more about these programs at www.bwsc.org.

Adopt a Catch Basin and Fire Hydrant this Winter

Did you know that Boston has over 30,000 catch basins and over 12,000 fire hydrants?

Adopt a fire hydrant in your neighborhood this winter. When shoveling snow clear the fire hydrants as well so the fire department can access them quickly. This will greatly help the fire department in the event of a fire, when response time is critical.

Adopt a catch basin in your neighborhood and you can assist with drainage and help prevent flooding by clearing snow from catch basins.

BWSC's Hydrant and Catch Basin Locator Map can help you find them - visit www.bwsc.org.

