

Currents

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Fats, Oils and Greases: **BAD FOR THE SEWERS!**

Sewer backups are often the result of grease buildup which can cause property damage, and environmental hazards. Fats, oils and grease enter sewers through household drains as well as poorly maintained grease traps in restaurants and other food processing businesses.




Fats, oils and grease are washed into the plumbing system, usually through kitchen sinks and floor drains found in food preparation areas. Grease sticks to the inside of sewer pipes both on your property and in the streets.

Over time, grease builds up and can eventually block the entire pipe causing sewage backups. Grease blocking the pipes is a serious maintenance problem for both the public sewer system and private property owners.

Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system. These units only shred solid material into smaller pieces and do not prevent grease from solidifying in the drain.

Commercial additives, including detergents that claim to dissolve grease may pass grease down the line and cause problems in other areas.

MOST GREASE IS THE BYPRODUCT OF COOKING AND IS USUALLY FOUND IN SUCH THINGS AS:

-  **food scraps**
-  **meat fats**
-  **lard**
-  **cooking oil**
-  **butter and margarine**
-  **baking goods**
-  **sauces**
-  **dairy products**

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How Can You Help?

The easiest way to solve grease problems and help prevent blockages is to keep fats, oils and grease out of the sewer system. Here is how:

- Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets
- Pour grease and oil into a can and put it in the trash.
- Scrape food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, and grills and cooking surfaces into the trash for disposal.
- Do not put grease down garbage disposals.
- Put baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain basket or strainer into the trash for disposal.



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Boston residents can bring household products labeled toxic, flammable, reactive, corrosive, or poisonous to the Drop-off locations for recycling. The proper recycling of hazardous products helps to prevent environmental pollution.

**October 31, 2009 (9 am– 2 pm) at
UMass, Harbor Campus
Morrissey Blvd, Dorchester**

**November 21, 2009 (9 am – 2 pm) at
West Roxbury Public Works Yard
315 Gardner Street
West Roxbury at Millennium Park**

**For Boston Residents Only
No Commercial Waste Accepted
Proof Of Residency Required**

**For More Information Call the
Boston Recycling Hot Line
at (617) 635-4959**



Acceptable Household Hazardous Waste Products

HOUSEHOLD

Acids
Aerosol cans
Artist supplies
Caulk
Chemistry set chemicals
Creosote
Driveway sealer
Dry-cell batteries
Fiberglass resins
Flammable liquids,
fire starters
Floor care products/
wax stripper
Furnace cement
Furniture, floors,
& metal polishes
Hobby supplies
(rubber cement,
airplane glue, etc.)
Latex, oil-based paint,
varnish, stain, shellac
paint strippers
Mercury bearing waste
(such as fluorescent lamps,
thermostats, thermometers,
and mercury switches)
Metal cleaners
Ammonia cleaners
Muratic acid

Photography chemicals
Pool chemicals
Propane tanks
Radiator cleaners roof cement
Rug & upholstery cleaners
Rust preventatives
Sealant
Solvent adhesives,
solvent based cleaners
Sulfuric acid
Turpentine, paint thinners
Wood preservatives

LAWN/GARDEN

Cesspool cleaners
Fertilizers
Fire starters
Flammable liquids
Flea/tick powder
Fungicides
Herbicides
Insecticides
No-pest strips
Pesticides
Poisons
Weed killers

BATHROOM

Aerosol deodorant
Cosmetics
Hair color
Medicine

Nail polish remover
Toilet cleaners

KITCHEN LAUNDRY

Brightness
Chlorine bleach
Detergents
Drain cleaners
Lighter fluid
Moth balls/crystal
Oven cleaners
Rodent killers
Softeners
Spray starch
Whiteners

AUTOMOBILE

Antifreeze
Brake fluid
Car batteries
Carburetor cleaner
Degreasers
Engine solvents
Motor oil, oil filters
Radiator flush
Tire cleaners

*TIRES collected only
on HHW DAY!!!!!!
Transmission fluid
Waste Fluids
(gasoline, kerosene)

The Boston Water and Sewer Commission will have a representative from the Community Services Department at the following neighborhood locations on the mentioned dates.

BWSC staff will be available to:

- Accept payments (check or money order only – no cash).
- Process elderly or disabled persons discount forms.
- Arrange payment plans for delinquent accounts.
- Review water consumption data for your property.
- Resolve billing or service complaints.
- Explain BWSC customer programs.

Brighton
Allston/Brighton APAC
143 Harvard Ave.
Thursdays 10am-1pm
9/24, 10/22

Charlestown
Golden Age Center
382 Main St.
Tuesdays 11am-1pm
9/29, 9/27

Chinatown
CCBA
90 Tyler St.
Thursdays 12pm-1pm
9/10, 10/8

Dorchester
**Uphams Corner
Municipal Bldg.**
500 Columbia Rd.
Fridays 10am-12pm
9/18, 10/16

East Boston
East Boston APAC
21 Meridian St.
Wednesdays 10am-1pm
9/2, 9/9, 10/7, 10/14

Fields Corner
Kit Clark Senior Center
1500 Dorchester Ave.
Mondays 10am-1pm
9/21, 10/19

Hyde Park
Hyde Park Library
35 Harvard Ave
Tuesdays 10am-1pm
9/1, 9/15, 10/6, 10/20

Jamaica Plain
**Curtis Hall
Municipal Bldg.**
20 South St.
Mondays 10am-1pm
9/14, 10/26

Mattapan
**Mattapan Family
Service Center**
535 River St.
Fridays 12pm-1pm
9/11, 10/2

North End
Boston Public Library
25 Parmenter St.
Thursdays 10am-1pm
9/3, 10/1

Roslindale
**Greater Roslindale
Medical and
Dental Center**
4199 Washington St.
Tuesdays 10am-1pm
9/30, 10/28

South Boston
SB Action Center
424 W. Broadway
Wednesdays 10am-1pm
9/30, 10/28

West Roxbury
Roche Community Center
1716 Centre St.
Fridays 10am-1pm
9/25, 10/23

South End & Roxbury
**Residents of the South End
and Roxbury are invited to use
the BWSC Headquarters as their
Neighborhood Site Location.*

BWSC HEADQUARTERS
980 Harrison Ave.
Monday–Friday 8am–5pm
Wednesdays 8am - 7pm

