

Currents

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Help Improve Water Quality: Scoop the Poop!

If you have a dog in the family, there's something important you can do to help protect our waterways: Clean up after your pet! Why should you do this?

It's the Right Thing to Do

No one enjoys needing to dodge pet waste, especially when it's from someone else's pet! Plus, pet waste is full of harmful microorganisms that can make people sick. Everyone should be able to enjoy walking around Boston. You can help make that happen by scooping your dog's poop.

It Protects the Environment

Pet waste that is left on the street can be carried by the flow of stormwater into a catch basin, travel through Boston's storm drain system, and be discharged directly into Boston Harbor and other local waterways. The same happens to pet waste that is inappropriately dumped into a catch basin. You can help prevent this pollution in Boston's waterways by cleaning up after your pet.

It's the Law

The City of Boston has a dog fouling ordinance, Section 16-1.10A of the City Code, also known as the "Pooper



Quick Tips for Disposing of Pet Waste

- Take a plastic bag with you when walking your dog to pick up pet waste. Bring extra bags to help another dog owner in need.
- Put the bag into a trash can.
- Never dispose of pet waste in catch basins. Catch basins collect stormwater and carry it directly into public waterways.
- Never place pet waste near a tree or in soil, because the bacteria in pet waste are potentially harmful.



"Scooper Law." The law requires that pet owners properly dispose of any pet waste left by their pet.

It Keeps Boston Beautiful

Most importantly, Boston is a beautiful and historic city that is rated "very walkable." But it will only stay that way if pet owners act responsibly and clean up after their dog. As Mayor Martin J. Walsh recommends, "Take it home, put it in your trash barrel, don't drop it on the street."

Whether you bag it, scoop it, or hire someone to walk your dog, please be sure to Scoop the Poop!

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Let's protect Boston's waterways

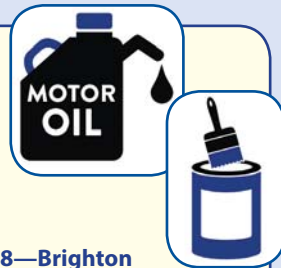
2015 Motor Oil Drop-Off, Paint Swap Shop, and Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days

Help protect the environment by properly disposing of hazardous household products.

Proof of Boston residency required. No commercial waste accepted.

Motor Oil Drop-Off and Paint Swap Shop Days

Saturdays, 9 AM–1 PM. All paint and motor oil accepted.



- **May 16—Roxbury**
Roxbury Public Works Yard,
280 Highland Street
- **June 20—Hyde Park**
Hyde Park Public Works Yard,
58 Dana Avenue
- **July 18—Brighton**
Brighton Public Works Yard,
315 Western Avenue
- **August 15—East Boston**
East Boston Public Works Yard,
320 East Eagle Street

Come drop off used motor oil and surplus paint—or take some free paint home. It's quick, free—and good for the environment!

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days

Saturdays, 9 AM–2 PM. Motor oil and oil-based paint accepted. No latex or acrylic paint.

- **June 13—Dorchester**
UMass Boston, Morrissey
Boulevard, Parking Lot D
- **June 27—West Roxbury**
West Roxbury Public Works
Yard, 315 Gardner Street,
Millennium Park
- **August 22—Boston**
Boston Public Works Yard,
400 Frontage Road (just before
entrance to I-90 East tunnel)
- **October 3—Dorchester**
UMass Boston, Morrissey
Boulevard, Parking Lot D
- **October 24—West Roxbury**
West Roxbury Public Works Yard,
315 Gardner Street,
Millennium Park



For more info or a complete list of acceptable products, call 617-635-4500 or visit www.cityofboston.gov/publicworks/lookup/.



Clip & Save

Neighborhood Site Locations

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

Meet with BWSC staff to:

- 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 APAC
143 Harvard Avenue
Thursdays, 10 AM–12 PM
5/21 and 6/18

Charlestown

Golden Age Center
382 Main Street
Tuesdays, 11 AM–1 PM
5/26 and 6/30

Chinatown

CCBA
90 Tyler Street
Thursdays, 11 AM–1 PM
5/14 and 6/11

Dorchester

**Uphams Corner
Municipal Building**
500 Columbia Road
Fridays, 10 AM–12 PM
5/15 and 6/12

East Boston

East Boston APAC
21 Meridian Street
Wednesdays, 10 AM–1 PM
5/6, 5/13 and 6/3, 6/10

Fields Corner

Kit Clark Senior Center
1500 Dorchester Avenue
Mondays, 10 AM–12 PM
5/18 and 6/22

Hyde Park

**Hyde Park
Municipal Building**
1179 River Street
Tuesdays, 10 AM–1 PM
5/5, 5/19 and 6/2, 6/16

Jamaica Plain

**Curtis Hall Community
Center**
20 South Street
Mondays, 10 AM–12 PM
5/11 and 6/8

Mattapan

**Mattapan Public
Library**
1350 Blue Hill Avenue
Fridays, 10 AM–12 PM
5/8 and 6/5

North End

**North End Public
Library**
25 Parmenter Street
Thursdays, 10 AM–12 PM
5/7 and 6/4

Roslindale

**Greater Roslindale
Medical & Dental
Center**
4199 Washington Street
Tuesdays, 10 AM–1 PM
5/12 and 6/9

South Boston

South Boston APAC
424 West Broadway
Wednesdays, 10 AM–12 PM
5/27 and 6/24

West Roxbury

**Roche Community
Center**
1716 Centre Street
Fridays, 10 AM–1 PM
5/29 and 6/19

South End & Roxbury

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



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Headquarters are open:
Monday–Friday, 8 AM–5 PM
Wednesdays, 8 AM–7 PM

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