

# Currents

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## Protect Our Waterways: Scoop the Poop!

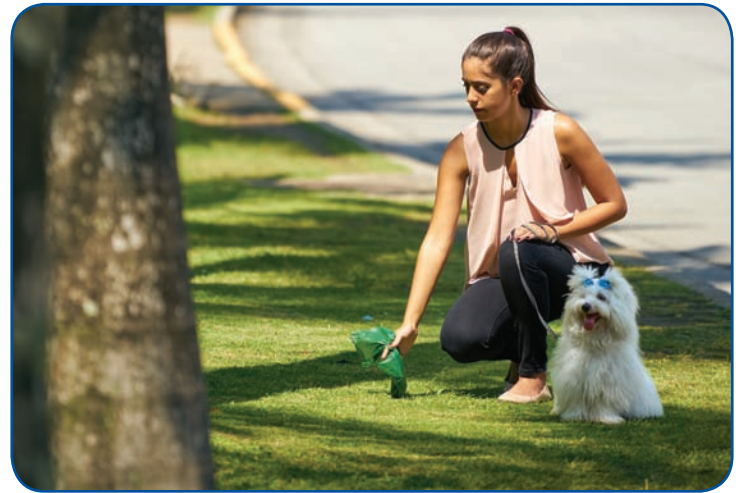
If you have a dog in the family, there's something important you can do to help protect our waterways: Clean up after your pet!

### 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 pollution in Boston's waterways by cleaning up after your pet and disposing of waste properly.



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

### It Keeps Boston Beautiful

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, "Put it in a trash barrel, don't leave it on the sidewalk."

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

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### How to Properly Dispose 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.



# 2016 Drop-Off Days for Household Hazardous Waste, Motor Oil, and Paint

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

*Proof of Boston residency required. No commercial waste accepted.*

## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days

Saturdays, 9 AM–2 PM.

Motor oil and oil-based paint accepted. No latex or acrylic paint.

- May 7—Dorchester**  
 UMass Boston, Morrissey Boulevard, Parking Lot D
- June 25—West Roxbury**  
 West Roxbury Public Works Yard, 315 Gardner Street, near Millennium Park
- July 23—Boston**  
 Boston Public Works Yard, 400 Frontage Road (just before entrance to I-90 East tunnel)
- November 19—West Roxbury**  
 West Roxbury Public Works Yard, 315 Gardner Street, near Millennium Park



## Motor Oil Drop-Off and Paint Swap Shop Days

Saturdays, 9 AM–1 PM.

All paint and motor oil accepted.



- May 14—Roxbury**  
 Roxbury Public Works Yard, 280 Highland Street
- June 18—Hyde Park**  
 Hyde Park Public Works Yard, 58 Dana Avenue
- July 16—Brighton**  
 Brighton Public Works Yard, 315 Western Avenue
- August 13—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!

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

## Neighborhood Site Locations

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



### Brighton

**Allston/Brighton APAC**  
 143 Harvard Avenue  
 Thursdays, 10 AM–12 PM  
 5/26 and 6/16

### Charlestown

**Golden Age Center**  
 382 Main Street  
 Tuesdays, 11 AM–1 PM  
 5/31 and 6/28

### Chinatown

**CCBA**  
 90 Tyler Street  
 Thursdays, 11 AM–1 PM  
 5/12 and 6/9

### Dorchester

**Uphams Corner Municipal Building**  
 500 Columbia Road  
 Fridays, 10 AM–12 PM  
 5/13 and 6/10

### East Boston

**East Boston APAC**  
 21 Meridian Street  
 Wednesdays, 10 AM–1 PM  
 5/4, 5/11 and 6/1, 6/8

### Fields Corner

**Kit Clark Senior Center**  
 1500 Dorchester Avenue  
 Mondays, 10 AM–12 PM  
 5/23 and 6/20

### Hyde Park

**Hyde Park Municipal Building**  
 1179 River Street  
 Tuesdays, 10 AM–1 PM  
 5/3, 5/17 and 6/7, 6/21

### Jamaica Plain

**Curtis Hall Community Center**  
 20 South Street  
 Mondays, 10 AM–12 PM  
 5/9 and 6/6

### Mattapan

**Mattapan Public Library**  
 1350 Blue Hill Avenue  
 Fridays, 10 AM–12 PM  
 5/6 and 6/3

### North End

**North End Public Library**  
 25 Parmenter Street  
 Thursdays, 10 AM–12 PM  
 5/5 and 6/2

### Roslindale

**Greater Roslindale Medical & Dental Center**  
 4199 Washington Street  
 Tuesdays, 10 AM–1 PM  
 5/10 and 6/14

### South Boston

**South Boston APAC**  
 424 West Broadway  
 Wednesdays, 10 AM–12 PM  
 5/25 and 6/29

### West Roxbury

**Roche Community Center**  
 1716 Centre Street  
 Fridays, 10 AM–1 PM  
 5/27 and 6/17

### 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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