

Currents

Martin J. Walsh, Mayor | Henry F. Vitale, Executive Director

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Protect Our Waterways: Scoop the Poop!

If you have a dog in the family, you can help prevent contamination of local parks and waterways by picking up after your pet.

Why Scoop

Picking up after your pet protects our health and the environment. Pet waste contains potentially harmful bacteria which can cause stomach illnesses and rashes in humans.

When left on the street, pet waste can be carried by rain or melting snow into catch basins, which drain directly to waterways such as the Charles River, Neponset River, Mystic River and Boston Harbor.

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 pets.

Let's Keep Boston Beautiful

Boston is a beautiful and historic city that is rated "very walkable", however our city will only stay that way if everyone does their part to keep Boston clean. As Mayor Martin J. Walsh recommends, "Put it in a trash barrel, don't leave it on the sidewalk."

How to Properly Dispose of Pet Waste

- Take a plastic bag with you when walking your dog to pick up pet waste. Put the bag into a trash can.
- Never dispose of pet waste in catch basins. They collect stormwater and carry it directly into public waterways.
- Dog droppings cannot be used as fertilizer. Never place pet waste near a tree or in soil because the bacteria in pet waste are potentially harmful.



World Water Day

On March 22, Boston Water and Sewer Commission teamed up with our environmental partners at the New England Aquarium to celebrate World Water Day.

Together, we engaged in a day full of activities for children and adults geared towards educating the public on this year's theme- "wastewater".



2017 Drop-Off Days

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.
For more information or a complete list of acceptable products, call 617-635-4900

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days

Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

May 6 - Boston

Central DPW Facility
400 Frontage Road.

October 7 - Dorchester

UMass Boston
100 Morrissey Boulevard

Motor Oil Drop-Off and Paint Swap Shop Days

Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

All paint and motor oil accepted.

May 13 - Roxbury

Roxbury Public Works Yard
280 Highland Street

July 15 - Brighton

Brighton Public Works Yard
315 Western Avenue

July 22 & August 19- West Roxbury

West Roxbury DPW
315 Gardner Street



June 17 - Hyde Park

Hyde Park Public Works Yard
58 Dana Avenue

August 12 - East Boston

East Boston Public Works Yard
320 East Eagle Street

Don't dump hazardous waste products, such as motor oil, paint and other chemicals into catch basins. They drain directly to local waterways.



Neighborhood Site Locations

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



- 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 Child & Family Service Center
406 Cambridge Street
Thursdays, 10 AM - 12 PM
5/25 and 6/15

Chinatown

CCBA
90 Tyler Street
Thursdays, 11 AM - 1 PM
5/11 and 6/8

East Boston

East Boston APAC
21 Meridian Street
Wednesdays, 10 AM - 1 PM
5/3, 5/10 and 6/7, 6/14

Mattapan

Mattapan Public Library
1350 Blue Hill Avenue
Fridays, 10 AM - 12 PM
5/5 and 6/2

South Boston

South Boston APAC
424 West Broadway
Wednesdays, 10 AM - 12 PM
5/24 and 6/28

Charlestown

Golden Age Center
382 Main Street
Tuesdays, 11 AM - 1 PM
5/30 and 6/27

Dorchester

Uphams Corner Municipal Building
500 Columbia Road
Fridays, 10 AM - 12 PM
5/12 and 6/9

Fields Corner

Kit Clark Senior Center
1500 Dorchester Avenue
Mondays, 10 AM - 12 PM
5/22 and 6/19

North End

North End Public Library
25 Parmenter Street
Thursdays, 10 AM - 12 PM
5/4 and 6/1

Jamaica Plain

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



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Headquarters are open:

Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM

Wednesdays, 8 AM - 7 PM



(617) 989-7000



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Hyde Park

Hyde Park Municipal Building
1179 River Street
Tuesdays, 10 AM - 1 PM
5/2, 5/16 and 6/6, 6/20

Roslindale

Greater Roslindale Medical & Dental Center
4199 Washington Street
Tuesdays, 10 AM - 1 PM
5/9 and 6/13

West Roxbury

Roche Community Center
1716 Centre Street
Fridays, 10 AM - 1 PM
5/26 and 6/30

South End & Roxbury

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



Let's Protect Boston's Waterways