

Currents

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Get Connected, Stay Connected

Check Out Our Expanded Environmental Website

We are all connected through water. We drink it, wash with it, clean with it, flush with it and water our plants with it. We also admire Boston's beautiful harbor, rivers and ponds. Water is central to life in Boston. Keeping our waterways pollution free is important to everyone.

We recently expanded our website to provide you with in-depth information on what we are doing to protect Boston's waterways—and how you can help.

What You Will Find on the Site

The home page presents an interactive search of ways to prevent water pollution.

There are three main sections: Wastewater, Tap Water and Stormwater. Each of these sections gives you an overview of the topic and includes a short, informational video. Learn about the path our water travels from Quabbin Reservoir to your home. Watch Boston residents take a blind taste test of tap vs. bottled water. Better understand where water goes after we use it.



Specific information is available for people who live in residential property and people who own or rent

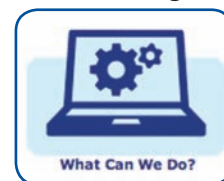


Become a water pollution detective on the site's interactive home page.

commercial property. Click the image to see more tips.



There is also a section on What Can We Do? Everyone can help to protect the environment with just a few changes to their daily activities. See how you can become an environmental steward.



Review the resources or download information to share. If you know a group of students or volunteers interested in helping to spread the message about ways to prevent stormwater pollution, contact the BWSC Educational Coordinator at 617-989-7351.

See for Yourself

Take a few minutes to click around this new website at www.bwsc.org/WAAC/WAAC.asp. You will find everything you need to know about protecting our waterways presented in a way that's interesting and informative.



Let's protect Boston's waterways



This Spring...Jump Into Action!

Show Your Concern for the Environment

Want to get actively involved in protecting the environment we all share? Here are some ways—large and small—you can start to make a difference.

- **Fix a Leak Week—March 14–20**

Find and fix any leaks in your house. Bonus: You'll save money by using (wasting) less water.

- **World Water Day—March 22**

Learn the global importance of water in our lives. Visit our What Can We Do? page for resources.

- **Earth Day—April 22**

Help keep our waterways clean now and for future generations. Support the Charles River Cleanup (April 30), Boston Shines (April 22 to May 7) or other local activities.

You don't have to wait until the specific day or week above to get involved, but don't miss these opportunities to help you jump into action.



Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Starts April 11



Bag, barrel, or tie yard waste for curbside

collection on recycle day. Check the City of Boston Public Works website for the schedule.

Neighborhood Site Locations

Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) will have a representative from the Community Services Department at neighborhood locations (see 2016 schedule below) to offer assistance.

Come See Our Videos!

Brighton

Allston/Brighton APAC

143 Harvard Avenue
Thursdays, 10 AM–12 PM
3/24 and 4/21

Charlestown

Golden Age Center

382 Main Street
Tuesdays, 11 AM–1 PM
3/29 and 4/26

Chinatown

CCBA

90 Tyler Street
Thursdays, 11 AM–1 PM
3/10 and 4/14

Dorchester

Uphams Corner Municipal Building

500 Columbia Road
Fridays, 10 AM–12 PM
3/18 and 4/22

East Boston

East Boston APAC

21 Meridian Street
Wednesdays, 10 AM–1 PM
3/2, 3/9 and 4/6, 4/13

Fields Corner

Kit Clark Senior Center

1500 Dorchester Avenue
Mondays, 10 AM–12 PM
3/14 and 4/25

Hyde Park

Hyde Park Municipal Building

1179 River Street
Tuesdays, 10 AM–1 PM
3/8, 3/22 and 4/5, 4/19

Jamaica Plain

Curtis Hall Community Center

20 South Street
Mondays, 10 AM–12 PM
3/7 and 4/4

Mattapan

Mattapan Public Library

1350 Blue Hill Avenue
Fridays, 10 AM–12 PM
3/4 and 4/8

North End

North End Public Library

25 Parmenter Street
Thursdays, 10 AM–12 PM
3/3 and 4/7

Roslindale

Greater Roslindale Medical & Dental Center

4199 Washington Street
Tuesdays, 10 AM–1 PM
3/15 and 4/12

South Boston

South Boston APAC

424 West Broadway
Wednesdays, 10 AM–12 PM
3/23 and 4/20

West Roxbury

Roche Community Center

1716 Centre Street
Fridays, 10 AM–1 PM
3/25 and 4/29

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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Monday–Friday, 8 AM–5 PM
Wednesdays, 8 AM–7 PM

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