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!

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.
Come See Our Videos!

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
May 26 and 6/16

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

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

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.

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/.

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.

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

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