Removing Leaves and Debris From Catch Basins Helps Keep Water Flowing

As summer ends and leaves start to fall, remember this: Leaves that collect on top of catch basins in the streets block rainwater from entering the storm drain system, creating flooding in streets in your neighborhood.

Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) performs a variety of maintenance activities throughout the year to keep the inside of catch basins free of debris. You can also help. All you need is a rake, shovel, or broom—and a receptacle.

What You Can Do

- Clear leaves from catch basins near your (or an elderly neighbor's) house or business. Dispose of the leaves with yard waste.
- Clear other debris from on top of catch basins. Place this debris in a trash can.
- Sweep debris from your sidewalk and driveway. Put debris in a trash can. Don't sweep it into a gutter or catch basin!
- Keep catch basins flowing during the winter by removing snow and ice from the grate.

How Your Efforts Help

Performing these simple tasks will:

- Reduce the street flooding that causes problems for motorists and pedestrians.
- Decrease the amount of debris entering the storm drain system through catch basins.
- Minimize pollution of local waterways, like Boston Harbor and the Charles, Neponset, and Mystic Rivers.



Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days

Proper disposal of household chemicals is important to safeguard our environment. Don't miss the next City of Boston Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day:

Saturday, November 19, 2016 • 9 AM to 2 PM

West Roxbury Public Works Yard, 315 Gardner Street, near Millennium Park

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



Let's protect Boston's waterways





What You Need to Know: **Leaf and Yard Waste Collection**



Leaf and yard waste collection continues through the first week in December. If you have two trash collection days in

the week, leaf and yard waste will only be collected on your recycling day. Here's what you need to know.

What to Do

- Put leaf and yard debris in large, paper bags or open barrels labeled "yard waste."
- Tie branches with string. Maximum branch size is 3'long, 1" in diameter.
- Put barrels, bags, and branches curbside by 7 AM on your recycling day.

What Not to Do

- Don't use plastic bags.
- Don't put branches in barrels.

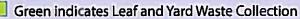
For more information, call the Mayor's 24-Hour Hotline at 617-635-4500.

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Pay your water bill with a check or money order—no cash.

Find out how much water is being used on your property.

· Plan to make payments on bills that are past due.

Learn more about BWSC customer programs.

• Talk about any problems you may have with your bill or service.

Receive help applying for a senior or disabled person's discount.

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 9/22 and 10/20

Charlestown

Golden Age Center 382 Main Street Tuesdays, 11 AM-1 PM 9/27 and 10/25

Chinatown

CCBA 90 Tyler Street Thursdays, 11 AM-1 PM 9/8 and 10/13

Dorchester

Uphams Corner Municipal Building 500 Columbia Road Fridays, 10 AM-12 PM 9/16 and 10/14

East Boston

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East Boston APAC 21 Meridian Street Wednesdays, 10 AM-1 PM 9/7, 9/14 and 10/5, 10/12

Fields Corner

Kit Clark Senior Center 1500 Dorchester Avenue Mondays, 10 AM-12 PM 9/19 and 10/24

Hyde Park

Hyde Park Municipal Building 1179 River Street Tuesdays, 10 Am-1 PM 9/6, 9/20 and 10/4, 10/18

Jamaica Plain

Curtis Hall Community Center 20 South Street Mondays, 10 AM-12 PM

Mattapan

Meet with BWSC staff to:

Mattapan Public Library 1350 Blue Hill Avenue Fridays, 10 AM-12 PM 9/2 and 10/7

North End

North End Public Library 25 Parmenter Street Thursdays, 10 AM-12 PM 9/1 and 10/6

Roslindale

Greater Roslindale Medical & Dental Center 4199 Washington Street Tuesdays, 10 AM-1 PM 9/13 and 10/11

South Boston

South Boston APAC 424 West Broadway Wednesdays, 10 AM-12 PM 9/28 and 10/19

West Roxbury

Roche Community Center 1716 Centre Street Fridays, 10 AM-1 PM 9/30 and 10/28

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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