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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**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
  - 9/3 and 10/13

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

- **East Boston**
  - East Boston APAC
  - 21 Meridian Street
  - Wednesdays, 10 AM–1 PM
  - 9/7, 9/14 and 9/13

- **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
  - 1170 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
  - 9/12 and 10/17

- **Mattapan**
  - Mattapan Public Library
  - 1330 Blue Hill Avenue
  - Fridays, 10 AM–12 PM
  - 9/2 and 10/7

- **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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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.

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