

Currents

NEWS FROM BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
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Martin J. Walsh, Mayor

Henry F. Vitale, CPA, Executive Director/ Treasurer

BWSC@Work

BWSC Receives 2018 AMWA Award

Boston Water and Sewer Commission was recently awarded the Sustainable Water Utility Management award from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA). AMWA recognized Boston Water and Sewer Commission for its commitment to improving operations, maintaining fiscal responsibility and increasing public awareness to protect water quality and improve the environment. BWSC continually implements efforts to improve operations and services to its ratepayers, as well as controlling pollution to keep Boston's harbor, beaches and rivers clean. BWSC fights aggressively to maintain affordable rates. BWSC also developed and implemented green infrastructure and low impact development throughout numerous construction projects such as a \$1.5 million collaboration with the Boston Public Schools.

BWSC's Chief Engineer John P. Sullivan Receives Two Prestigious Awards

We are excited to share the news that our Chief Engineer John P. Sullivan recently received two awards honoring his public service. The first award Mr. Sullivan received was the Henry L. Shattuck Award conferred by the Boston Municipal Research Bureau (BMRB) to municipal workers who are "unsung heroes and role models". The second award is from the Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) in recognition of John's decades of work in protecting the Charles River.

John P. Sullivan has been with BWSC for 46 years, 30 of them as Chief Engineer. Mr. Sullivan is a nationally recognized expert on matters related to the water and wastewater industry and has more recently become a leader in the introduction of green infrastructure techniques for improving Boston's environment.

A Day Without Water

On October 10th, BWSC joined the Value of Water Coalition's campaign to raise awareness about the importance of access to potable water. Along with our social media presence, our educational team brought the campaign to the classroom, where students got the message that no water means no showers, no water means no refreshing drinks, no water means no clean clothes. Students learned how BWSC transports clean water to their homes, and then learned that when water becomes wastewater, it is removed and delivered to Deer Island for treatment and dispersal at sea.



BWSC Chief Engineer John P. Sullivan (center) with Mayor Martin J. Walsh, BWSC Executive Director Henry F. Vitale, accompanied by BMRB Staff.



Boston Water and
Sewer Commission

Headquarters is open:

Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM · Wednesdays, 8 AM - 7 PM

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www.bwsc.org

The average American
uses 17.2 gallons of
water every time they
shower.



Imagine a Day Without Water
October 10, 2018 #ValueWater

WE ARE ALL CONNECTED

Let's Protect Boston's Waterways



Nextdoor

Know How to Dispose of Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)

This time of year is the best time to bake, roast, and prepare many special seasonal meals. With the holiday season approaching, there is one rule that every cook should remember **Don't dump Fats, Oils, or Grease (FOG) down the drain! Instead, Cool It! Can It! Trash It!**

Where does FOG come from?

FOG is found in many foods such as:

- Cooking oil
- Butter and margarine
- Lard
- Sauces
- Food scraps
- Dairy products



FOG is a by-product of some of our favorite meals such as roasted meats and baked sweets.

What's the problem with FOG?

FOG is an unavoidable part of cooking, but knowing how to dispose of FOG is key. Excess Fats, Oils, and Grease should never be poured down the sink, or flushed down the toilet after cooking. FOG that's poured into the sink or toilet will enter the sewer and harden in the pipes. This can cause backups in either your household's pipes, or Boston's sewer lines.

Neighborhood Site Locations

- 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 persons' discount.

How to Dispose of FOG:

Disposing of FOG is easy, all you need to do is

Cool It! Can It! Trash It!

1. After cooking with FOG, let FOG cool in the pan.
2. Once cooled, pour or scoop FOG into a can.
3. Cover the can with a BWSC Grease Lid, and store it in the freezer.
4. When the can is full, remove the lid for reuse, and put the can into the trash on your regular trash collection day.



Boston residents can request a FREE BWSC Grease Lid!

Call BWSC at 617-989-7599, or request one online at www.bwsc.org.

Stay Up To Date With Us!

Want to know about future developments at BWSC, including construction projects and changes to water and sewer rates? Visit our website at www.bwsc.org for the latest news on scheduled events and public meetings at Boston Water and Sewer Commission.

Allston/Brighton Child & Family Service Center

406 Cambridge St
Thursdays,
10 AM - 12 PM
11/15 & 12/20

Charlestown Golden Age Center

382 Main Street
Tuesdays,
11 AM - 1 PM
11/27 & 12/17* (Mon)

Chinatown CCBA

90 Tyler Street
Thursdays,
11 AM - 1 PM
11/8 & 12/13

Dorchester - Uphams Corner Municipal Building

500 Columbia Road
Fridays, 10 AM - 12 PM
11/16 & 12/14
**East Boston
APAC**
21 Meridian St
Wednesdays,
10 AM - 1 PM
11/7, 11/14 & 12/5, 12/12

Fields Corner Kit Clark Senior Center

1500 Dorchester Ave
Mondays,
10 AM - 12 PM
11/19 & 12/10

Hyde Park Municipal Building

1179 River Street
Tuesdays,
10 AM - 1 PM
11/6, 11/20 & 12/4, 12/18

Jamaica Plain Curtis Hall Community Center

20 South Street
Mondays, 10 AM - 12 PM
11/5 & 12/3

Mattapan Public Library

1350 Blue Hill Ave
Fridays, 10 AM - 12 PM
11/2 & 12/7
**North End
Public Library**
25 Parmenter St
Thursdays,
10 AM - 12 PM
11/1 & 12/6

Greater Roslindale Medical & Dental Center

4199 Washington St
Tuesdays,
10 AM - 1 PM
11/13 & 12/11

South Boston APAC

424 West Broadway
Wednesdays,
10 AM - 12 PM
11/28 & 12/19

West Roxbury Roche Community Center

1716 Centre Street
Fridays,
10 AM - 1 PM
11/30 & 12/21

South End & Roxbury

South End and
Roxbury residents
are invited to
use BWSC
Headquarters as
their neighborhood
site.

