

Currents

NEWS FROM BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

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Martin J. Walsh, Mayor

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Toss That Tea!

BWSC was honored to celebrate the 245th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party with the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum (BTPSM) on December 16, 2018. Each year BTPSM invites the public to honor the anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, considered to be one of the most important events leading up to the American Revolution.

In keeping with BWSC's "Don't Dump" campaign, the tea dumped into the harbor is biodegradable, and all other props used in the reenactment were made to float and easy to identify for retrieval from Boston Harbor after the event. BWSC took to social media to engage with the event. We were also there to celebrate, spending the day at Abigail's Tea Room to greet visitors to the museum, and answer questions on the importance of keeping Boston Harbor clean.



The Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum celebrated the 245th anniversary of when the Sons of Liberty tossed English tea into the Boston Harbor.

FOG Grease Lid Giveaway

Each November BWSC celebrates the holiday season with Boston residents by organizing a Grease Lid Giveaway at a major supermarket. BWSC handed out nearly 1,000 lids to residents.

BWSC's Grease Lids are designed to help store excess cooking Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG). This is an important step in preventing FOG from entering the sink and potentially clogging the drain in your home.

There are 3 steps for properly disposing of FOG: 1) After cooking, let FOG cool in the pan. 2) Once cooled, pour or scoop cooled FOG into a disposable can. 3) Cover the can with a BWSC grease lid and store in the freezer. When the can is full, remove the lid for reuse, and put the can in the trash.

Didn't get a grease lid during our giveaway? No problem! Boston residents can request a FREE lid by calling 617-989-7599, or going online at www.bwsc.org.

New Water & Sewer Rates

Consumption (Cu. Ft./Day)	Water		Sewer	
	Per 1,000 Cubic Feet	Per 1,000 Gallons	Per 1,000 Cubic Feet	Per 1,000 Gallons
First 19	\$53.33	\$7.130	\$74.64	\$9.979
Next 20	\$55.84	\$7.465	\$76.94	\$10.286
Next 50	\$58.14	\$7.773	\$78.49	\$10.494
Next 260	\$61.82	\$8.265	\$82.81	\$11.071
Next 950	\$64.50	\$8.623	\$87.39	\$11.683
Over 1299	\$66.75	\$8.924	\$90.40	\$12.086

The above rates reflect an approved 2.85% increase effective January 1, 2019



Boston Water and
Sewer Commission

Headquarters is open:

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

980 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02119



(617) 989-7000



www.bwsc.org



Let's Protect Boston's Waterways



Nextdoor

Prepare for Winter and Prevent Frozen Pipes

If there is no water coming into your home,
call BWSC's 24-hour Emergency Assistance Line at 617-989-7000.

Insulate pipes in unheated spaces such as garages, basements, and crawl spaces.

Keep cabinet doors open during cold spells to allow warm air to circulate around the pipes.

Seal openings in your home that would allow cold air to leak through.

Know where the water shutoff valve is in your home and how to turn it off.

Allow a slow trickle of water to flow through faucets connected to water pipes that run through unheated spaces.

If pipes freeze, use a hairdryer to thaw lines. Thawing this way may not be fast, but it will be safe. **NEVER USE AN OPEN FLAME TO THAW PIPES.**



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.

Help Clear Snow After a Storm



1. Shovel out fire hydrants so the Boston Fire Department can access them quickly in case of emergency.

2. Clear snow, ice, and debris from the tops of catch basins to prevent street flooding as snow and ice melt.

Not sure where your nearest catch basins and hydrants are located? BWSC's Hydrant and Catch Basin Locator Map can help you find them - visit www.bwsc.org.

Allston/Brighton Child & Family Service Center

406 Cambridge St
Thursdays,
10 AM - 12 PM
1/17 & 2/21

Charlestown Golden Age Center

382 Main Street
Tuesdays,
11 AM - 1 PM
1/29 & 2/26

Chinatown CCBA

90 Tyler Street
Thursdays,
11 AM - 1 PM
1/10 & 2/14

Dorchester - Uphams Corner Municipal Building

500 Columbia Road
Fridays,
10 AM - 12 PM
1/18 & 2/8

East Boston APAC

21 Meridian St
Wednesdays,
10 AM - 1 PM
1/9, 1/16 & 2/6, 2/13

Fields Corner Kit Clark Senior Center

1500 Dorchester Ave
Mondays,
10 AM - 12 PM
1/28 & 2/25

Hyde Park Municipal Building

1179 River Street
Tuesdays,
10 AM - 1 PM
1/8, 1/22 & 2/5, 2/19

Jamaica Plain Jamaica Plain Public Library

30 South Street
Mondays,
10 AM - 12 PM
1/14 & 2/11

Mattapan Public Library

1350 Blue Hill Ave
Fridays,
10 AM - 12 PM
1/11 & 2/1

North End Public Library

25 Parmenter St
Thursdays,
10 AM - 12 PM
1/3 & 2/7

Greater Roslindale Medical & Dental Center

4199 Washington St
Tuesdays,
10 AM - 1 PM
1/15 & 2/12

South Boston APAC

424 West Broadway
Wednesdays,
10 AM - 12 PM
1/30 & 2/27

West Roxbury Roche Community Center

1716 Centre Street
Fridays,
10 AM - 1 PM
1/25 & 2/22

South End & Roxbury

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

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