

# Currents

BWSC News

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## Protect Your Pipes

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

**Seal openings** in your home to prevent cold air from leaking through.

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

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

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

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

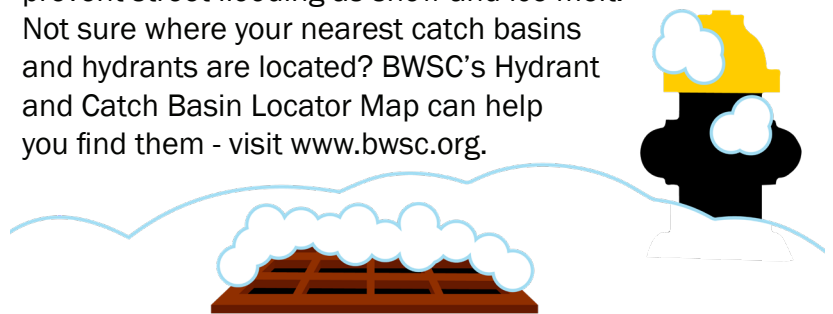


A frozen pipe could burst and become a costly inconvenience.

## Help Clear Snow After a Storm

Did you know Boston has over 30,000 catch basins and over 12,000 fire hydrants? You can assist in keeping hydrants clear of snow so the Boston Fire Department can access them quickly in case of emergency. Clearing snow, ice, and debris from the tops of catch basins will also 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](http://www.bwsc.org).



## Water & Sewer Rates for 2020

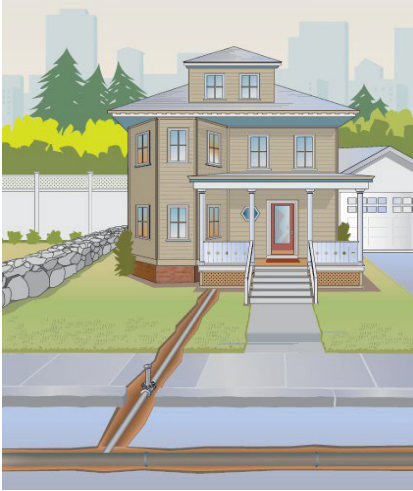
| Consumption (Cu. Ft./Day) | Water                |                   | Sewer                |                   |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                           | Per 1,000 Cubic Feet | Per 1,000 Gallons | Per 1,000 Cubic Feet | Per 1,000 Gallons |
| First 19                  | \$53.86              | \$7.201           | \$75.39              | \$10.078          |
| Next 20                   | \$57.52              | \$7.689           | \$82.02              | \$10.965          |
| Next 50                   | \$62.73              | \$8.387           | \$88.50              | \$11.831          |
| Next 260                  | \$66.86              | \$8.938           | \$93.45              | \$12.493          |
| Next 950                  | \$70.37              | \$9.408           | \$99.14              | \$13.255          |
| Over 1299                 | \$73.26              | \$9.794           | \$102.92             | \$13.759          |

The above chart reflects a 7.9% overall increase in water and sewer charges for 2020. The average residential customer will see an increase in the amount of about \$2/month.



# Toss that Tea!

BWSC was honored to celebrate the 246th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party with the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum (BTPSM). 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 the Harbor after the event. Our team was there to educate visitors on the importance of keeping Boston Harbor clean.



## Financial Assistance Programs

### Discount for the Elderly and Fully Disabled

A discount is available for homeowners 65 years or older, or Fully disabled. Qualifying customers receive a 30% discount on the water portion of your bill.

### Sewer Lateral Financial Assistance Program

If your sewer line is blocked, collapsed or leaking and verified by a BWSC inspector you could receive a grant up to \$4,000.

### Lead Replacement Incentive Program

If you qualify for lead replacement, you will receive a grant for up to \$2,000 and interest free payments extended over 48 months.

Learn more about these programs at [www.bwsc.org](http://www.bwsc.org).

## Neighborhood Site Locations January - February 2020



|                                |  |   | January | February |
|--------------------------------|--|---|---------|----------|
| <b>Brighton</b>                | Allston Brighton Child and Family Service Center, 406 Cambridge Street | Thursdays 10am-12pm                     | 16      | 20       |
| <b>Chinatown</b>               | CCBA, 90 Tyler Street  | Thursdays 11am-1pm                      | 9       | 13       |
| <b>Dorchester</b>              | Uphams Corner Municipal Building, 500 Columbia Road                    | Fridays 10am-12pm                       | 17      | 21       |
| <b>East Boston</b>             | East Boston APAC, 21 Meridian Street                                   | Wednesdays 10am-1pm                     | 8<br>15 | 5<br>12  |
| <b>Fields Corner</b>           | Kit Clark Senior Center, 1500 Dorchester Avenue                        | Mondays 10am-12pm                       | 27      | 24       |
| <b>Hyde Park</b>               | Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River Street                        | Tuesdays 10am-1pm                       | 7<br>21 | 4<br>18  |
| <b>Jamaica Plain</b>           | Jamaica Plain Public Library, 30 South Street                          | Mondays 10am-12pm                       | 13      | 3        |
| <b>Mattapan</b>                | Mattapan Public Library, 1350 Blue Hill Ave                            | Fridays 10am-12pm                       | 10      | 7        |
| <b>North End</b>               | North End Public Library, 25 Parmenter Street                          | Thursdays 10am-12pm                     | 2       | 6        |
| <b>Roslindale</b>              | Great Roslindale Medical and Dental Center, 4199 Washington Street     | Tuesdays 10am-1pm                       | 14      | 11       |
| <b>South Boston</b>            | South Boston APAC, 424 West Broadway                                   | Wednesdays 10am-1pm                     | 29      | 26       |
| <b>West Roxbury</b>            | Roche Community Center, 1716 Centre Street                             | Fridays 10am-1pm                        | 24      | 28       |
| <b>South End &amp; Roxbury</b> | BWSC Headquarters, 980 Harrison Avenue                                 | Monday-Friday 8a -5p & Wednesdays 8a-7p |         |          |