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BWSC News

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Discount Increase for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons

Effective March 2021, in addition to the current 30% discount already received on your water bill, homeowners who are 65 years of age and older, or fully disabled homeowners who live in their 1 – 4 family dwelling, are eligible for a 30% discount on monthly sewer charges as well.

Currently receiving a water discount? No need to do anything, the sewer discount will be automatically deducted from your bill! Think you're eligible but have not applied? Contact Customer Services to apply. Call 617-989-7800 or visit <https://www.bwsc.org/residential-customers/billing-info-and-assistance>.



Look up a Project

BWSC @ Work: Construction Season

As warm weather returns to Boston, residents will see BWSC construction improvement projects start up again. Stay up to date on upcoming projects in your neighborhood by logging on to [bwsc.org/projects/project-lookup](https://www.bwsc.org/projects/project-lookup). On our project lookup page, you can filter information by neighborhood and view a map of projects in the area. Also, join Nextdoor on social media where BWSC posts updates and notifications on improvements in your neighborhood.

Remember: BWSC crews and those of its contractors always carry IDs and never ask for money.



DON'T DUMP

Spring Showers

Spring usually brings showers. Boston's storm drains collect rainwater and direct it to nearby waterways such as the Neponset, Mystic, Muddy, and Charles Rivers. The runoff ends up in Boston Harbor. You can help protect Boston's waterways. Do your part to keep these waterways clean by keeping neighborhood catch basins clear of leaves and debris. This will help to ensure proper drainage, prevent local flooding and reduce stormwater pollution. For more information on stormwater maintenance, visit our website at www.bwsc.org.

Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution: Dispose of Pesticides and Herbicides Properly



Insecticides and fertilizers help a garden grow and flourish. When used correctly, these chemicals can protect plants from damage. However, if disposed of improperly, chemicals can pollute stormwater runoff and ultimately contaminate our waterways. If you use fertilizers and pesticides, you need to know the dos and don'ts of their use.

Follow label instructions carefully and only use the specified amount. Avoid watering plants right after applying, unless instructions say to do so. Excess chemicals can wash into waterways. Never dispose of these chemicals in the trash or in the drain. Don't use chemicals in windy conditions or prior to expected rain.



Fix a Leak Week - March 15-21

Save money and reduce your household water usage by finding and fixing leaks in your home. Boston residents can request a free water conservation kit which includes dye tabs to check for toilet leaks at <https://www.bwsc.org/conservation-kits>.



Earth Day - April 22

This year's theme for Earth Day is Restore Our Earth. The message is to take action now, to avoid future disasters on our planet. Everyone is encouraged to take action, not only on Earth Day, but all year. BWSC has developed green infrastructure facilities that act like nature by allowing water to be filtered into the ground and prevent pollution of stormwater runoff. You can check out our green programs at bwsc.org/environment-education.



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