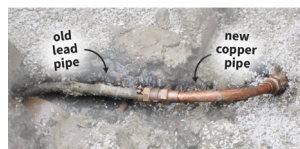


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## Join the Growing Number of Homeowners Who Have Replaced Lead Service Lines

BWSC continues to offer our lead pipe replacement incentive program. This year the credit offered to participants was doubled from \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00 toward the cost of replacing a lead service line on private property. Qualified property owners have an option for 60-month interest-free payments on any replacement work balance. For information, or to apply, Boston homeowners should call the Lead Hotline at 617-989-7888.



## Educational Outreach Program

As a steward of the environment, BWSC is committed to providing Boston with the best quality drinking water and protecting Boston's waterways and harbor. BWSC offers educational presentations for all ages! Here are a few of the topics:

- Where does Boston get its drinking water?
- Where does water go once it flows down the drain?
- What is stormwater and how does it get polluted?

Through interactive engagement members of the public will learn what we all can do to help protect our waterways and Boston Harbor. If you are interested in a presentation, contact BWSC at [cilloa@bwsc.org](mailto:cilloa@bwsc.org).



## Protect Yourself! Always Ask for Identification

BWSC is reminding residents not to allow anyone the ability to gain unauthorized entrance to their home. BWSC employees and contractors are required to carry an official photo identification card. Before allowing anyone into your home or property, always ask for identification. If you are unsure about allowing someone who claims to be a BWSC employee or working for one of our contractors, please call (617) 989-7000 for verification.



## Don't Dump! Help Protect our Waterways

Most catch basins in Boston connect to city storm drains that discharge the runoff to the nearest brook, river or Boston Harbor. Do not dump harmful substances such as household chemicals, pesticides, automotive fluids or paints. Remember, pet waste will also contaminate, it should be disposed of properly and never put into a catch basin. **Help keep our rivers and Boston Harbor clean.**

# Water Saving Tips

It's always wise to save water, but it's especially important in the summer months when water consumption is at its highest. Below are some water conservation tips that can be useful all year.



## Outdoor Water Conservation

- The best times to water plants are dawn and dusk.
- Grass naturally becomes dormant in the summer months and brown patches of grass may appear on your lawn. However, grass will revive quickly after a steady rainfall or cooler weather.
- Raise the mower blade level to 2-3 inches. Longer grass retains more moisture, encourages deeper rooting, requires less fertilizer, and competes better against the weeds.



## Indoor Water Conservation

- Fix leaky faucets, pipes and toilets. This can save hundreds of gallons of water per week.
- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth, shaving, or washing dishes.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only when full, or adjust the water level setting accordingly.
- Keep a jug of water in your refrigerator for drinking rather than running the tap each time you're thirsty.



## Request a Free Conservation Kit

Boston residents are encouraged to get their home water conservation efforts into high gear by requesting a free water conservation kit. Conservation kits are available to Boston residents only. To order your kit, go to [www.bwsc.org](http://www.bwsc.org) or call us at (617) 989-7500.

Conservation kit Includes:

- Easy to use instructions.
- Kitchen and bathroom faucet aerators.
- A low-flow replacement showerhead.
- A water efficiency gauge bag.
- Dye tablets to check for toilet leaks.



## Stay Hydrated This Summer!

For outdoor activities this summer, don't forget to fill your bottle with great tasting Boston tap water. It's important to stay hydrated during the summer months. Whether you are going for a jog or enjoying the sun, you can always take along some refreshing tap water.