

Current Events

BWSC News

May/June 2024



BWSC @ Work

Construction Season Begins

As warm weather returns to Boston, residents and businesses may see BWSC contractors in their neighborhood upgrading its water, sewer and drainage infrastructure. Stay up to date on upcoming projects in your neighborhood by logging on to 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. Reminder: All BWSC personnel and its contractors always carry a photo ID and never ask for money.

If you are unsure of letting someone into your home call BWSC'S 24 hour emergency number 617-989-7000.

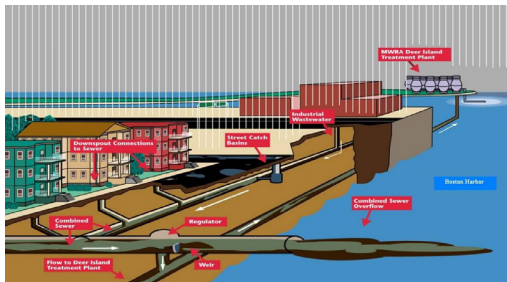


South Boston Sewer Separation Project

Boston Water and Sewer Commission's (BWSC) South Boston Sewer Separation Project continues.. The purpose of the project is to (1) improve water quality in Fort Point Channel and Boston Harbor by reducing combined sewage overflows resulting from stormwater entering the sanitary sewer system, and (2) reduce flooding. This project will improve BWSC's infrastructure by installing new sanitary sewers, storm drains and replacing or rehabilitating water mains and sewers. Coordination with various utility companies is ongoing and may require infrastructure improvements as well.

Roxbury Sewer Separation Phase 3 Project

The work entails upgrading our water and sewer systems and installing new storm drains to separate the stormwater flow from the existing combined sewers. Due to the complexity of the project, traffic detours will be implemented during construction and completing connections with multiple utilities on the side streets. This project is in its final stage with completion expected in the fall.



The accomplishments after combined sewers are separated

- Sanitary sewage flows to Deer Island Treatment Plant for treatment.
- Stormwater is discharged to Fort Point Channel.
- Water quality is improved in Boston Harbor.
- Flooding is being mitigated.
- Treatment costs are being reduced.

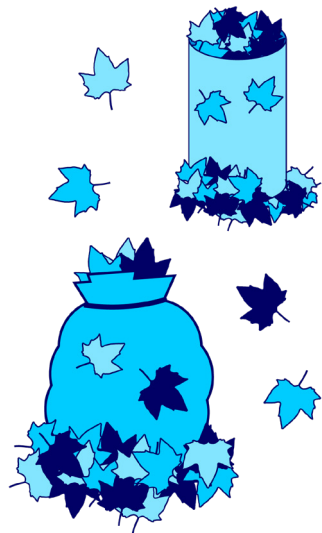
*Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) are still possible with a severe storm.



Keep Wipes Out of Pipes

“Flushable” wipes are NOT flushable

Disinfectant wipes that manufacturers claim to be flushable and sewer safe in fact are not. When using wipes be sure to dispose of them properly in the trash and not down the toilet. Wipes when flushed down the toilet can cause blockages in your home’s plumbing and in the public sewer system. Do your part: Keep Wipes Out of Pipes.



Leaf and Yard Waste Schedule

May - August Calendar 2024

Full trash and recycling guide along with drop off locations available online at [Boston.gov](https://www.boston.gov).

*If you have two recycling days per week, collection is on your first recycling day of the week.



Leaf and yard waste curbside collection



Zero waste drop off

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National Drinking Water Week

May 5-11 2024

It takes a lot to deliver just about any high-quality product, and our drinking water is no exception. An intricate maze of pipes buried underground, treatment plants and other equipment like pumps, storage basins and treatment supplies ensure your water is there when you need it. This Drinking Water Week, appreciate what it takes to deliver your tap water. To learn more about Boston’s water system, visit www.bwsc.org or www.mwra.com.



Celebrating Older Americans Month

Discount Offered for Seniors

Seniors and the disabled who already receive a 30% discount will automatically receive the discount for stormwater.

If you haven’t yet taken advantage of this offer by checking to see if you or a loved one qualifies: call (617) 989-7800 to speak with a customer service representative. You can also visit www.bwsc.org for information on this discount.

The Age Strong Commission of Boston offers programs, resources and assistance for seniors. For more information see their website at www.boston.gov to find out about transportation, food resources, volunteer opportunities, housing, events, and more.



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