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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.



East Boston Sewer Separation Project

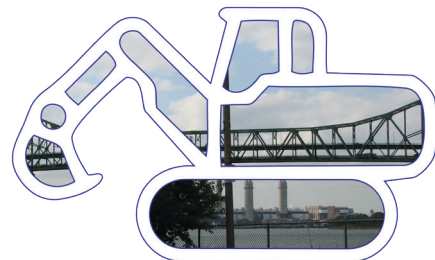
BWSC's large-scale separation of the existing sanitary and storm drainage sewer systems in East Boston continues with Phase IV. Work completed to-date includes the installation of a new drainage outfall structure and associated pipes in the intersection of East Eagle Street and Eagle Square. Large-diameter drain pipe installation is currently taking place on Eagle Square, and will progress onto Chelsea Street this Spring and Summer. Additionally, water, sewer, and drain installation is currently taking place on Frankfort Street, Swift Street, and Falcon

Street. The purpose of this project is to (1) improve water quality in the Boston Harbor and Chelsea Creek by reducing combined sewage overflows from stormwater entering the sanitary sewer system, and (2) reduce flooding by improving drainage capacities. This work will improve the neighborhood's infrastructure by installing new sanitary sewers and storm drains, as well as replacing and rehabilitating sewer and drinking water mains.

Accomplishments after Combined Sewers are Separated

- Sanitary sewage flows to Deer Island Treatment Plant for treatment.
- Stormwater is discharged to the Boston Harbor.
- Water quality is improved in the Boston Harbor.
- Flooding is mitigated.
- Reduced treatment costs.

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





FREE Lead Replacement Incentive Program

Boston's drinking water is provided by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority from the Quabbin Reservoir and is distributed lead-free to homes and businesses. However, some older properties in Boston may have a lead water service line. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups.

Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) is offering Boston property owners a free inspection - and free replacement of their building's water service pipe if we determine it is lead.

Take advantage of the No Cost Lead Replacement Program now. Please contact BWSC's Lead Hotline for additional program information at 617-989-7888.



Greener Stormwater Solutions

A credit of up to 50% is available for customers that meet the standards for stormwater retention and infiltration systems on their property.

A 5% credit is available for educational programs that promote stormwater management practices.

Grants of up to \$8,000.00 are available to property owners through the Green Stormwater Infrastructure Assistance Grant Program!

Learn more about these and other programs at www.bwsc.org



National Drinking Water Week

There's a lot to celebrate this drinking water week. High quality drinking water and those who work to ensure your water is there when you need it is always a cause for celebration. Raise a glass to the taste of your local drinking water as well because BWSC has won the award for best tasting tap water in New England. We recognize and thank the professionals who maintain and improve our water system every day to meet the highest standards of quality and taste.



Celebrate Older Americans Month With a Discount!

Taken advantage of BWSC's senior discount of 30% off the water, sewer, and stormwater portion of the bill. Check 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.