



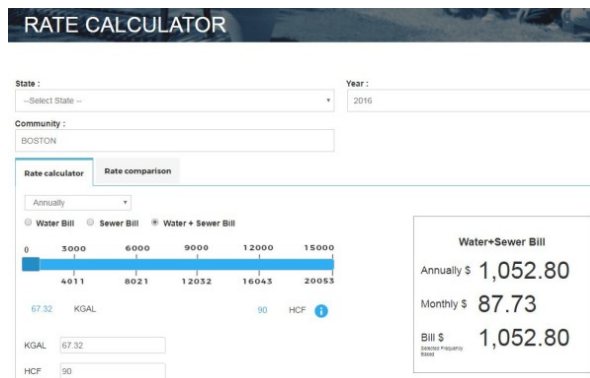
News & Notes

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Retail Rate Calculator Version 1.0

Explore Rates Like Never Before



The beta version of the [Retail Rate Calculator](#) is now available on the Advisory Board website. Over the summer, the AB staff worked closely with a web developer to incorporate the data typically available in the [Retail](#)

[Rate Survey](#) into an interactive online design. The calculator surpasses the limitations of the printed survey document, which only calculates rates based on a household annual water usage of 120 HCF. The calculator allows ratepayers and communities to estimate what their retail rates would be like in any water usage scenario. Additionally, users can view data for other MWRA communities and for different years as well.

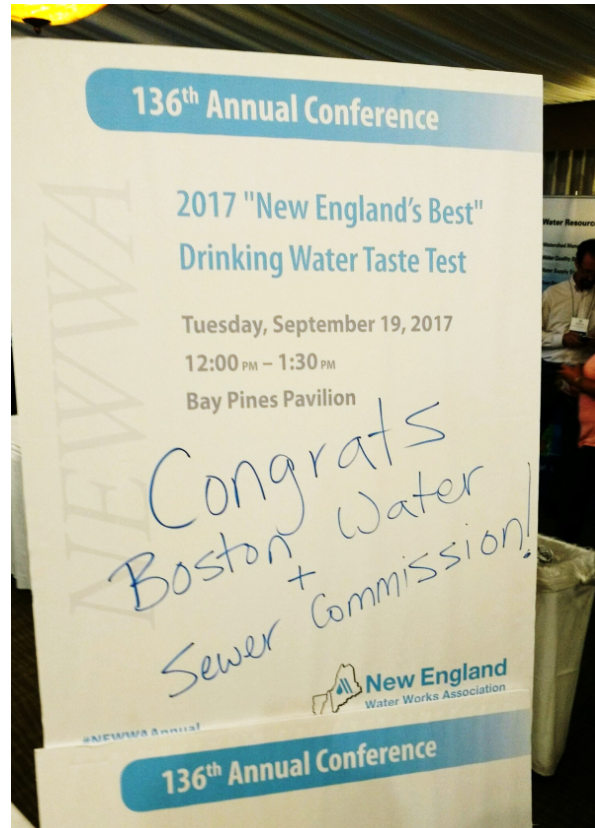
Because it is so complex and contains so much information, the rate calculator is a work in progress. Please help us make it stronger by exploring the Rate Calculator and by submitting any feedback or questions that you may have. As the resource expands, we'll be including data from non-MWRA communities and additional charges as well. The calculator correlates with another milestone on the AB website: the all new rate survey submission process. This year, respondent communities will be entering their survey data directly onto the website using a link they received via email. After this information is verified, it is integrated right into the Rate Calculator. Be sure to check out all the [additional resources](#) for the new survey submission process online as well!

Our Drinking Water Wins Again!

Consistently the Best

In the 2017 Drinking Water Taste Test, Boston Water and Sewer Commission was named "New England's Best" at the 136th annual conference of the New England Water Works Association. Congratulations to BWSC! Also, unconfirmed sources report a "sweep" with the MWRA placing second in the taste test, and Framingham third.

These results are no fluke. It is a testimony to the Authority's commitment to protecting our source waters through watershed protection, their investment in state-of-the-art treatment at the John Carroll Plant, and the financial support for local community water infrastructure projects. The system works.



House Overrides Governor's Veto for DSA

Good News for Communities



The House of Representatives restored the \$1.1 million of Debt Service Assistance that Governor Baker had vetoed from the FY18 State Budget. The Advisory Board would like to thank Speaker DeLeo, Ways and Means Chair Sanchez, and the entire MWRA Legislative Caucus as led by Majority Leader Mariano.

Of Interest to Your Community

Disaster Training and Financing Data

The flyer is for a training session titled "MGT-343 Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities". It is hosted in conjunction with DHS/FEMA National Training Program, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), Texas A&M University System and the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC). The session is held at the MWRA's Chelsea Facility on October 3 & 4, 2017, and at the Carroll Water Treatment Plant on October 10 & 11, 2017, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. The course content includes information on preparing for, responding to, and recovering from natural or man-made incidents affecting water and/or wastewater facilities. Topics include threats to water and wastewater facilities, disaster planning and management, disaster mitigation, disaster response, and disaster recovery. The participant audience includes utility personnel, operators, field personnel, lab personnel, directors, department heads, supervisors, superintendents, customer service, inspectors, engineers, state and local regulatory personnel, and environmental/social regulatory personnel including tribal councils, utility board members, city and county elected officials, city managers, and senior emergency response personnel. A FEMA Student ID Requirement is noted, and recommended prerequisites are listed. Contact information for Carolyn Forayth is provided.

1. You are invited to attend a two-day training session on Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities (MGT-343). The course presents information on all stages of disaster management, including preparation, response, and recovery from both natural and man-made incidents affecting water and wastewater facilities. Two sessions are available: October 3 and 4 at the MWRA Chelsea Facility, and October 10 and 11 at the Carroll Water

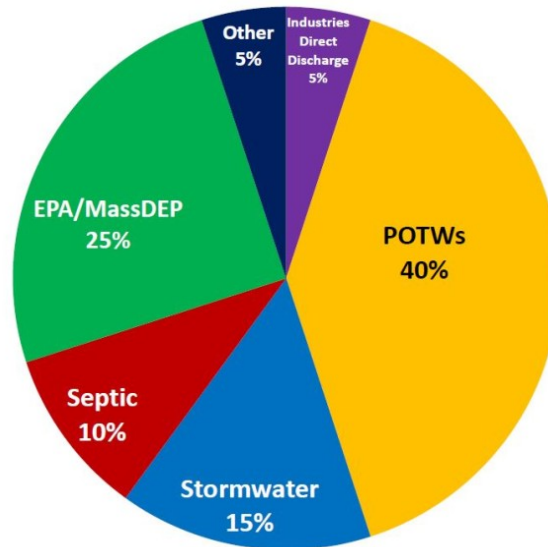
Treatment Plant.

2. From the EPA's Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center comes the [Water Finance Clearinghouse](#). The Clearinghouse contains a wealth of information to help communities make financial decisions regarding their water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure needs. This centralized portal of searchable data sets includes funding sources, reports, tools, webinars, and websites. Users can also provide input through a [contributor tool](#).

Hearing on State Primacy Scheduled

Taking the Next Step

The hearing on House Bill 2777 "An Act to Enable the Commonwealth's Administration of the Mass. Pollutant Discharge Elimination System" is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2017. The Advisory Board has strongly supported the Commonwealth joining 46 other states in assuming primacy for NPDES permits. The Advisory Board has also advocated for a fee structure distributing the cost among all users, and we have developed a draft approach, as seen in the figure, to initiate dialogue. Read more about our thoughts on primacy in our [FY18 Comments and Recommendations](#) (page 109).



Upcoming Events

For the Month of October

October 3-4 | 8:00 AM, [Disaster Training Course](#), Chelsea Facility

October 4 | 11:00 AM, John Carroll sworn in by Governor Baker, Governor Baker's Office

October 10-11 | 8:00 AM, [Disaster Training Course](#), Marlborough

October 18 | 10:00 AM, [MWRA Board of Directors Meeting](#), Charlestown

The Executive Committee and Advisory Board do not meet in October. The next Advisory Board meeting is November 16 at Boston Water and Sewer Commission. Have a great month!

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