



# CITY *of* BOSTON

Kim Janey, Mayor

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2021  
TO: ALL UTILITY COMPANIES AND PRIVATE CONTRACTORS  
SUBJECT: 2021-2022 WINTER MORATORIUM

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please be advised that the 2021-2022 Winter Moratorium will begin on Monday, November 22, 2021. The Moratorium Board will only allow true hardship and true emergency requests.

The full list of the needed information can be found on the City of Boston Public Works Department Rules and Specifications for Excavation Activity (Section 13.00 Winter Moratorium):

[https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/embed/r/rules\\_and\\_specifications\\_april\\_6\\_2015.pdf](https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/embed/r/rules_and_specifications_april_6_2015.pdf)

The Board will not allow any regular maintenance or new main work without special permission. If allowed, the contractor or utility company will need to follow site specific guidelines and repair procedures for each location. All requests must include a hardship letter explaining in detail the scope of work, the timeframe needed, and an explanation of why the work cannot wait until April 15, 2022. The Board will vote, and approve, or deny, your request within one week.

Emergency work must fully comply with the procedures in place under Public Works Rules and Specifications for Excavation Activity. If a company is found to be using emergency protocol to do regular or maintenance work, the Boston Public Works Department will suspend the company's permits until a shutdown meeting can be held. Multiple violations can lead to a permanent suspension of a company's right to get permits.

If there are any questions in this regard, please email [john.vozzella@boston.gov](mailto:john.vozzella@boston.gov) or [richard.dimarzo@boston.gov](mailto:richard.dimarzo@boston.gov).

Very truly yours,

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