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Aquarion Water Company to Clean Mystic Water Mains

MYSTIC, CT, May 31, 2011 –Aquarion Water Company will begin cleaning its water mains on the Stonington side of Mystic starting tomorrow, to aid in minimizing the occurrence of discolored water during the seasonal start-up of its well station.

The cleaning activity will take place between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1 and Thursday, June 2.

On Wednesday, Aquarion crews will clean water mains beginning at Coogan Boulevard and progressing north on Route 27 through Old Mystic, including side streets, and ending at 229 Lantern Hill Road. On Thursday, the work crews will reverse the order, beginning on Lantern Hill Road and ending on Route 27 at Coogan Boulevard.

At various times during the operation, customers may notice discoloration in their water. This is caused by the disturbance of naturally occurring minerals (iron and manganese) that have settled in the water mains. Aquarion Water Company advises customers to store cold tap water in the refrigerator for drinking and cooking until the water clears. Customers also should check the water prior to washing clothes and, if it's discolored, delay laundry until the water is clear.

To clean discolored water out of a home's plumbing system once Aquarion crews are done for the day, customers should allow cold water to run from a bathtub faucet at full force until it is clear. After that, they may wish to check other inside faucets and run those as necessary.

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply provider for more than 580,000 people in 39 communities throughout Connecticut, as well as four in Massachusetts and three in New Hampshire. It is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England and among the seven largest in the U.S. Based in Bridgeport, CT, it has been in the public water supply business since 1857. Across its operations, Aquarion strives to act as a responsible steward of the environment and to assist the communities it serves in promoting sustainable practices.

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