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Aquarion: “Water Levels Below Last Year”

Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan and Stamford Begin Twice-Weekly Watering on May 1

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – April 28, 2017 – Although reservoir levels have been improving, regionally, they are below last year’s levels. With the hottest months just around the corner, Aquarion Water Company and local officials have joined to restrict outdoor watering in four area towns to a maximum of twice weekly, on set days and during set time periods. Aquarion will be monitoring reservoir levels closely throughout the summer because the area is sensitive to drought.

On May 1, Aquarion will remove the sprinkler irrigation ban and move to a twice-weekly, sprinkler irrigation schedule for customers in Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan and Stamford.

Residents with addresses ending in even numbers may water only on Sundays and Wednesdays, and before 10:00 a.m. or after 6 p.m. At odd-numbered addresses, watering may only take place on Saturdays and Tuesdays – and again, only before 10:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.

The restrictions apply to both in-ground irrigation systems and above-ground sprinklers. Drip irrigation, soaker hoses and hand-held watering are allowed at any time.

“Outdoor watering puts a huge strain on the water supply, accounting regionally for 38 percent of the usage,” said Charles V. Firlotte, Aquarion Water Company President and CEO. “And the EPA estimates that over half of outdoor water use is wasted.”

Aquarion’s website contains tips from UCONN and other sources on how lawns and gardens can survive – and even thrive – with less watering.

Aquarion customers with new lawns or plantings, or with large properties, may apply for a variance to the restrictions beginning May 1 at aquarionwater.com.

“We need continued rainfall to put this drought behind us,” said Firlotte. “But if we all continue with our conservation efforts, we can make sure our communities always have enough supply to meet the essential needs of human consumption and fire protection.”

More information on the restrictions can be found at aquarionwater.com/watering.

About Aquarion Water Company:

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 625,000 people in 51 cities and towns throughout Connecticut, as well as serving customers in Massachusetts and 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, Conn., 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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