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## **Aquarion asks customers to restrict water use**

Aquarion Water Company experienced the highest customer demand in its 153-year history on Tuesday, and that coupled with the continuing dry, hot weather has affected its delivery system. With reports of low pressure and discoloration in its Fairfield County service territory, Aquarion is asking its customers to help ensure sufficient water supply and reduce the likelihood of outages by using water wisely and voluntarily restricting water use for the next week.

Lawn and garden irrigation consume the most water during summer, so Aquarion strongly recommends that customers limit this activity to specific times and days based on an odd-even system. People with odd-numbered addresses would water their lawns and gardens on odd-numbered days, from 5 and 9 a.m., or 7 to 9 p.m. People with even number addresses would water during those time periods on even-numbered days (thus, a customer who lives on 2 Maple Lane would water on July 8, 10, 12, etc.).

Though new lawns need watering regularly, Aquarion asks customers with established lawns to defer watering for a week. In addition, customers are requested to use watering cans or hoses with shut-off nozzles for gardens instead of sprinklers.

Aquarion also recommends other voluntary restrictions for the next week:

- Defer washing boats, cars, and other motor vehicles at home for at least a week. When using a car wash, be sure it recycles its water.
- Turn off any ornamental fountains.
- Defer power-washing homes, decks or other areas.
- Cover pools when not in use to prevent evaporation.

Aquarion also has asked area municipalities and businesses to observe voluntary restrictions in addition to those listed above. For example:

- Reduce use of water for any industrial and commercial air conditioners unless a re-circulating water system is in place.

- Do not use water to wet down streets, sidewalks, driveways, construction sites or parking areas, unless the local health department certifies a health or safety risk.
- Do not put sprinkler caps on fire hydrants.
- Defer water use for street sweeping.
- Water athletic fields and clay tennis courts for one hour between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. only.
- Operate sprinklers or other irrigation systems on golf course greens and tees from 9 p.m.-midnight, or 3-6 a.m.
- Use fire hydrants for fire protection and flushing of sewers, and wherever a threat to public health or safety may exist.

There are many other simple means by which customers can conserve water. To learn about these, visit [www.aquarionwater.com](http://www.aquarionwater.com)

Aquarion Water Company serves approximately 580,000 people in 39 communities throughout Connecticut. It is among the seven largest investor-owned water utility companies in the U.S., and the largest in New England.

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