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Drought Conditions prompt Aquarion Water Company to prohibit the use of Irrigation Systems and Sprinklers in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset

HINGHAM, MA. (October 1, 2014) - Abnormally dry conditions and continued high water demand have resulted in lower reservoir and ground water levels, resulting in Aquarion Water Company prohibiting the use of sprinklers and irrigation systems.

Hand held watering is permitted at any time.

Recently, the US Drought Monitor classified much of southeastern Massachusetts as being in a moderate drought.

“The current drought conditions reinforce the importance for all Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset residents and businesses to conserve water,” said Ronit Goldstein, Aquarion Community Relations Manager.

According to the Hingham Journal Almanac, rainfall in Hingham amounted to just 2.6 inches from July 5, 2014 through September 15, 2014, which is 27 percent of the normal 9.64 inches.

Under Aquarion's Rules and Regulations approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, failure to comply with the mandatory restrictions will first result in a written warning. Subsequent violations can result in the discontinuance of water service with termination and restoration fees ranging from \$49.00 to \$294.00 depending on the day of the week, time of day and holidays.

About Aquarion

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 700,000 people in 55 cities and towns throughout Connecticut, 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. For more information on Aquarion Water Company and its subsidiaries, please visit www.aquarionwater.com

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