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Aquarion Water Company Calls for Mandatory Outdoor Water Conservation in Millbury

Millbury, Mass. – May 5, 2016 – Aquarion Water Company today announced the activation of the company’s Mandatory Water Restrictions program for Millbury customers effective Sunday May 1, 2016.

Under these restrictions, nonessential outdoor water use is not allowed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Nonessential water use includes irrigation of lawns by sprinklers and automatic irrigation systems; washing of vehicles; and washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, and driveways. Use of a hand held hose for plants and gardens is allowed.

Outdoor water use is only allowed between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. on an odd/even water schedule, with odd numbered street addresses allowed to water on odd numbered days and even numbered street addresses allowed to water on even numbered days.

Under Aquarion’s Rules and Regulations approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, failure to comply with this mandatory restriction program will first result in a written warning. Subsequent violations can result in the discontinuance of water service with a termination and restoration fee.

“These restrictions will help ensure a sustainable drinking water supply and protect natural resources and streamflow for aquatic life,” said Francis King, Operations Manager for the Millbury and Oxford systems.

Aquarion recommends several ways to use water wisely inside and outside the home:

- Repair water leaks – check your toilet for leaks by placing a few drops of food coloring in the tank. If food coloring appears in the bowl after 15 minutes, the tank mechanism needs repair

- Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators
- Turn off the water while shaving, brushing your teeth, and washing your face or hands
- Use a broom or blower, instead of water, to clean decks, driveways and sidewalks
- Allow grass to grow longer – taller grass shades itself, is healthier and requires less water
- Use a rain barrel to fill watering cans, connect a garden hose, feed a drip irrigation system, and other outdoor chores

About Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts:

A division of Aquarion Water Company, Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts is the public water supply company for more than 50,000 people in the towns of Hingham, Hull, Millbury, and Oxford. Aquarion Water Company is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England and among the seven largest in the United States. Based in Bridgeport, Conn., it has been in the public water supply business since 1857. Across its operations, Aquarion is a responsible steward of the environment and assists the communities it serves in promoting sustainable practices.

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