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Aquarion Water Company Issues Mandatory Irrigation Ban

***Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Stamford, and Westport Customers
Now Required to Turn Off Irrigation Systems and Sprinklers***

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – October 14, 2020 – Aquarion Water Company today announced, in coordination with state and local officials, a mandatory irrigation ban in Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Stamford, and Westport as southwest Fairfield County hits its third drought trigger this fall. Recent rainfall from Hurricane Delta remnants did little to replenish water supplies. Effective immediately, the ban includes automatic irrigation systems and hose-end sprinklers. As cooler temperatures have arrived, irrigation system use has become unnecessary. Consequently, all Aquarion-issued, irrigation variances are revoked for the season with this ban. Hand-held watering, soaker hose, and drip irrigation continue to be permitted for new plantings.

“Aquarion is requiring customers to turn off their irrigation systems and sprinklers for the season,” said Donald J. Morrissey, Aquarion President. “With drought conditions continuing to worsen across the state, this mandatory ban will help to ensure an adequate water supply for everyday needs and give reservoirs time to recover for the spring.”

In addition to Aquarion’s conservation communications program, the company is working with local irrigation professionals to help communicate the irrigation ban to their customers and ensure systems are promptly shut down.

Aquarion customers are also encouraged to use water more efficiently indoors with the following five tips:

1. Turn off the water while lathering up, shaving, or brushing your teeth.
2. Minimize baths and the amount of water you use for each. Trim one minute off the length of your showers.
3. Wash only full loads in your dishwasher and washing machine.
4. Hand wash dishes in a pan or the sink, not under continuous running water.
5. Reuse dehumidifier water or use a bucket to capture shower and bath water while you wait for it to warm up; then use the water to water your plants.

Visit www.aquarionwater.com/conserv for additional water conservation tips.

About Aquarion Water Company:

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 625,000 people in 52 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, 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. Aquarion Water Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of [Eversource](#). For more information on Aquarion Water Company, please visit www.aquarionwater.com or www.facebook.com/aquarionwater.

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