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Aquarion Water Company Calls for Voluntary Outdoor Water Conservation in Oxford

Oxford, Mass. – August 17, 2016 – Aquarion Water Company today announced voluntary water restrictions for its customers in Oxford. Aquarion is asking its customers to conserve water by limiting outside usage to an odd-even schedule.

These voluntary measures apply to irrigation systems, sprinklers, and soaker hoses as follows:

- Homes with odd numbered addresses should restrict outdoor watering to odd numbered days, and homes with even numbered addresses should restrict outdoor watering to even numbered days.
- Outdoor watering should not be performed between 9am and 5pm when most water applied is lost to evaporation.

Please note that hand held hose watering is acceptable at any time.

While private well owners do not fall under Aquarion's voluntary restrictions, they are also encouraged to conserve water and use the measures described above as a guide.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts recently declared a "Drought Warning" for the Central Region following five continuous months of unusually dry weather. The Department of Environmental Protection has strongly recommended that all public water systems implement restrictions on non-essential outdoor water use to ensure that essential needs such as drinking water and fire protection can be

met. Precipitation and regional groundwater levels are being reported to be below average for this time of year.

“Our water supply in Oxford is currently meeting demands. These voluntary water restrictions are being implemented in an effort to ensure that there is sufficient water for everyday usage even if these drought conditions continue,” stated Aquarion Water’s Massachusetts Director of Operations Steve Olson. “It is hoped that with the cooperation of our customers and others, Aquarion can avoid having to impose mandatory water restrictions in Oxford.”

Recently, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) indicated that there is a severe drought in the region. Many Southern Worcester communities have enacted mandatory water restrictions based on the ongoing drought.

Tips for conserving water and limiting non-essential water use can be found on DEP’s website:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/watersheds/tips-for-saving-water-indoors-and-outdoors.html>

You can also visit www.aquarionwater.com/conserve for additional outdoor and indoor water conservation tips.

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.

For more information on Aquarion Water Company, please visit www.aquarionwater.com.

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