



Have a beautiful lawn by using less water and saving money

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NORTH HAMPTON — Interested to learn about irrigation systems, how to have a healthy lawn, conserve water and save money?

Aquarion Water Co. and the North Hampton Water Commission will jointly present a seminar on "Save Money By Using Best Practices to Irrigate Lawns" on Monday, June 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Old Town Hall. Guest speaker is Ted Moriarty of the Smart Watering Co., a certified irrigation contractor, designer and auditor. Moriarty will present information on irrigation systems to achieve the best water and money saving results, while maintaining beautiful landscapes. The seminar is free and open to the public.

In addition, Aquarion is offering its Hampton, North Hampton and Rye customers opportunity to purchase rain barrels at a discounted price of \$66.50, a 25 percent saving off the retail price. Aquarion teamed with the New England Rain Barrel Co. to offer the rain barrels to help its customers conserve water.

Larry Bingaman, Aquarion senior vice president, said the average homeowner uses approximately 40 percent of water for outdoor use.

"A one-inch rainfall on a 1,200-square-foot roof will yield over 700 gallons of water," Bingaman said. "Using a rain barrel is an excellent way to conserve some of this water. A quarter-inch run-off from an average roof will easily fill the barrel and if you have five storms a season that equals 275 gallons of free water."

Bingaman added that rain barrels reduce stress on the municipal water system during the summer and improves storm water management.

The rain barrels are made from 55-gallon blue plastic recycled containers. The top does not come off, so no children or pets can get in the barrel. It has a six-inch diameter inlet opening covered with a screened louver to keep insects and debris out.

The barrels have two brass spigots, one to allow a connection to a hose for watering, and one for overflow. By connecting a hose to the overflow spigot, water can be redirected away from a home. Each barrel comes with a five-foot hose with a shutoff valve so multiple barrels can be joined for additional capacity.

Orders can be placed at the irrigation seminar and the barrels can be picked July 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Aquarion's office, 1 Merrill Industrial Drive, Hampton.

For more information, call Paul Whittemore, Aquarion's N.H. operations manager at 926-3319 ext. 116, or visit www.aquarion.com/newhampshire.html.

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