Free Fun for Fall!

Throughout the fall season, be sure to take advantage of the special deals Aquarion has arranged for its customers at area attractions. You'll find ticket deals to places like the Stamford Museum and Nature Center, the Ridgefield Playhouse, Mystic Aquarium and Mystic Seaport Museum. Just head for aquarionwater.com/freetickets — and enjoy the fun!

House of Hope Food Drive Returns

It's that time of year when we again broaden our focus from water to something just as vital — food. Namely, food for the many people experiencing hunger in our community.

For the 12th straight year, Aquarion is teaming up with St. Vincent’s Medical Center and local food banks for the annual House of Hope Food Drive.

Though some of America's wealthiest people live among us, you don’t have to go far to find families struggling to get by. But you can make a difference. You can help fill the shelves at local food banks from now until November 16 by bringing nutritious, non-perishable and non-expired food items to the House of Hope collection center at St. Vincent’s Medical Center, 2800 Main Street in Bridgeport.

Samples of what’s needed include low-sodium or no-salt canned vegetables and soups; low- or no-sugar pasta sauces and canned fruit; shelf-stable milk like Parmalat; natural peanut butter; whole wheat tortillas; and dried spices. Ideally, choose cans with easy opening, pop-top lids. For the full list, visit aquarionwater.com/hoh.

You can also help by making a monetary contribution. If you have the Venmo app, just scan the QR code shown here and set the amount. Otherwise, simply bring your monetary donation to the St. Vincent's lobby.

Hunger takes a tremendous toll on people's lives, even here in Connecticut. But it's also something we can beat. Please help House of Hope deliver enough food to give local families the strength and stamina they need to work, study and stay healthy.

Time to Recharge

Lawns across our state are starting to settle into their long winter’s nap, making it time to shut down automatic irrigation systems and give local reservoirs and wells a chance to recharge.

Here in the Northeast, fall is especially important for replenishing water supplies because in the winter months much of the precipitation will be frozen.

Fall is also a good time to have a professional check your irrigation system for leaks and make any repairs, before the ground freezes. Then, when spring arrives, you'll immediately start saving money while protecting the water supply.

Fall and winter also bring time to find ways to save water within your home. For example, when's the last time you checked for leaky toilet tanks? Are your pipes protected from freezing? Have you switched to water-efficient showerheads and other plumbing fixtures?

As you think about more efficient ways to use water, Aquarion is ready to help. You'll find timely, practical information on our website at aquarionwater.com/conserve.