

# WATER WATCH

Connecticut

September 2021

## Imagine A Day Without Water

With summer winding down, the news is still full of stories about drought-stricken and fire-ravaged areas across the U.S.

Though weather patterns favored our area this year with abundant rain, it's never guaranteed as we experienced drought conditions in 2016 and again in 2020.

That's why Aquarion is joining other water utilities throughout the country in designating October 21, 2021, as a special day to again ask ourselves and our customers to **Imagine a Day Without Water**.

What do you think life would be like? What would you do without the water you need for drinking, showering, cleaning and gardening if your taps were dry? How would farmers take care of their crops?

How would countless businesses make their products and provide their services?

Of course, imagining not having water is only the first step in making sure that prospect remains in the realm of imagination. All of us, from our kids to our neighbors to our town and state officials need to work together to protect sources of supply, and to reduce its waste.

If you haven't done so already, get your family to think about how you can make wiser use of your water supply by first challenging them to **Imagine a Day Without Water**. Then tap into [www.aquarionwater.com](http://www.aquarionwater.com) as a reservoir of tips on using water most efficiently, and conserving your supply of this precious resource.



## Letting Nature Be Your Gardener

Fall is the ideal time to put a variety of plants and seeds into the ground, and have them take root without a lot of work or water.

Thanks to cooler temperatures and autumn rains, less water evaporates from the ground and is available to your plants. This also gives you a great opportunity to reduce the size of your lawn – and next year's watering needs – by planting shrubs, berry bushes or low-maintenance ground covers right now. Come spring, they'll flourish.

For more ideas on growing beautiful lawns and gardens with less work and water, check out [www.aquarionwater.com/lawnandgarden](http://www.aquarionwater.com/lawnandgarden).



## “Buy One, Get One” Free Ticket Deals

### Great Family-Focused Entertainment

Aquarion has arranged top deals for you at great attractions across Connecticut. Your choices include Stamford Museum and Nature Center, The Mystic Seaport Museum and Mystic Aquarium. Visit [www.aquarionwater.com/freetickets](http://www.aquarionwater.com/freetickets) for more information – and have fun!



Stamford **Museum**  
& **Nature Center**



**MYSTIC**  
**SEAPORT**  
**MUSEUM**

## September Is National Preparedness Month

Speaking of climate, another highly active hurricane season is predicted. This will be followed by winter's potential for blizzards, ice storms and extreme cold. All of which is behind September being named **National Preparedness Month**.

To keep natural events from disrupting your water supply, we're fortunate to have much of our infrastructure – our water mains and service lines – safely tucked underground. Elsewhere, we keep our dams, pumps, treatment plants, computer networks and communications systems well-maintained, up to date, and protected by tested backup power supplies. We also keep our employees trained and ready to handle emergencies that can arise at any time of year, from any source.

So watch the weather forecasts closely, and should a potential emergency loom be sure to heed any advice your local officials may give. Meanwhile, we'll keep Aquarion's facilities prepared for any type of emergency to ensure your supply of safe, high-quality water remains just a twist of the tap away. We also encourage you to stay informed by signing up for Aquarion Alerts at [www.aquarionwater.com/alerts](http://www.aquarionwater.com/alerts).



## Did You Know?

Aquarion offers teachers and schools a variety of free, K-8 lesson plans to help educate the next generation of water consumers and even system professionals. They're all available at [www.aquarionwater.com/lessons](http://www.aquarionwater.com/lessons).

