

Water Supply Update

Serving the Community of Oxford

News and Notes

Upgrading Water Treatment for Our North Main Street Wells

Progress continues on reducing levels of iron and manganese in the water from our North Main Street wells. While these are naturally occurring elements and aren't considered a health hazard, they can affect the taste and appearance of food, and also stain laundry and plumbing.



To address these issues, Aquarion is wrapping up design plans for a new treatment plant for the supply from our North Main Street wells. The design will be sent this month to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Meanwhile, we're also exploring alternative groundwater sites in the area. We are looking to find a new source of water with lower levels of iron and manganese.

Spring Rehab of Prospect Hill Tank Scheduled

Aquarion's water tank on Prospect Hill has many years of service behind it and it's starting to showing its age. As a critical component of our infrastructure, it's essential that we regularly inspect and address even the smallest problems before they develop into larger issues.

To maintain our high standards of water quality and service, we've scheduled a rehabilitation project for the tank next spring. There may be some scheduled service interruptions during the project, but we'll keep them as brief as possible – and be sure to keep customers informed. The result will be a tank ready to provide many more years of reliable service.

Recent and Upcoming Water Main Upgrades

Oxford's water mains may be out of sight but they're never out of Aquarion's mind. To maintain water quality and reduce service disruptions caused by broken water mains, we have an ongoing program of distribution system improvements.

The most frequent work involves flushing mains to remove sediments that can cause discolored water. The most visible work takes place when we replace old or damaged mains, often in concert with local road





improvement projects. Here's the update on recent projects in Oxford:

- **North Oxford Mains** – We flushed these mains in June of 2020. We also scheduled flushing for the rest of the system for later in the year, but postponed the project due to summertime drought conditions. We will resume regularly scheduled flushing in 2021 after our water sources recover from the drought.
- **Church Street** – This coming spring we'll be replacing 1000 feet of water main running from Forest Street to the end of Church Street. As always, we'll work closely with the Town to minimize traffic impacts and service disruptions.

Helping Oxford Say It With Flowers

Aquarion is proud to serve and support the Oxford community. So it took little discussion for our community contributions team to approve a \$1000 donation to the Town for the planting of flowers in the downtown area this coming spring.

Last summer, we assisted the Town by watering the downtown plants two to three times each week.