

WATERWATCH

Connecticut

May 2021

Planetary Give-Backs

For 51 years Earth Day has inspired countless actions taken on behalf of the environment – big and small, globally and locally.

Here in Connecticut, that tradition makes April a very busy month for Aquarion and its team of volunteers. We encourage employees at all levels of the company to take time from their regular duties to volunteer on local environmental projects.

This year we're:

- Preparing planting beds at one of Green Village Initiative's urban gardens in Bridgeport
- Repairing an observation deck at Mystic's Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center
- Improving ecological protections and trails in the Mianus River Park in Stamford and Greenwich
- Nurturing pollinator-friendly plants on Aquarion land in Bridgeport, Monroe and Shelton
- Cleaning up litter, tires and other trash from neighborhoods in Bridgeport, Easton, Norfolk, Weston and other towns
- Planting trees at Newtown High School to offset its paper usage.

Here's hoping you've been able to help out on a local environmental project, or are planning to do so soon. We've only got one Earth, so we all need to do our part to protect it.



It's Sprinkler Spruce-Up Time

Home and garden irrigation systems are great at delivering water, but they can also waste large amounts of it unless they're regularly inspected, adjusted and maintained. The EPA has found that homes with clock-timed systems use about 50 percent more water than other homes. Incorrect programming, improperly aimed heads, leaky pipes and other problems needlessly drain water supplies with no benefit to your lawns and gardens.

The EPA's WaterSense program has a website full of free, downloadable brochures you can use to ensure your plantings get the full benefit from your system with no water waste. You'll find this wealth of information at www.epa.gov/watersense/sprinkler-spruce-up.



Reminder To Flush Water Systems

As our state prepares to reopen, buildings that have been closed for extended periods will begin to be reoccupied. Please remember to flush building water systems prior to returning to normal tap water



use. After an extended period of non-use, potable water can become stagnant. By flushing these systems, fresh water is drawn into the building from Aquarion's distribution system. To learn more about return to service flushing guidelines visit www.aquarionwater.com/flushing.

Did You Know?

We've started taking nominations for the 2021 Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards. Nominate a deserving individual or organization for their voluntary work to protect Connecticut's environment. Learn more at www.aquarionwater.com/awards.

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