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**Annual Water Conservation Program to Begin on May 1**  
**Mandatory Outdoor Water Restrictions Set for Millbury**

**Millbury, Mass. – April 25, 2018** – Aquarion Water Company today announced the start of the company’s mandatory outdoor water restrictions program. Set to begin on May 1, these restrictions are required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and apply to all Millbury customers.

Under these restrictions, nonessential outdoor water use is not allowed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Nonessential water use includes irrigation of lawns by sprinklers and automatic irrigation systems; washing of vehicles; and washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, and driveways. However, hand-held watering of plants and gardens is allowed.

Outdoor water use is only allowed after 5 p.m. and before 9 a.m., on an odd/even water schedule. Customers with odd numbered street addresses are allowed to water on odd numbered days and those with even numbered street addresses are allowed to water on even numbered days.

Under Aquarion’s Rules and Regulations approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, failure to comply with this mandatory restriction program will first result in a written warning. Subsequent violations can result in the discontinuance of water service with termination and restoration fees.

“These restrictions will help ensure a sustainable drinking water supply and protect natural resources and streamflow for aquatic life,” said Francis B. King, Operations Manager for the Millbury and Oxford systems.

Aquarion recommends several ways to use water wisely inside and outside the home:

- Repair water leaks – check your toilet for leaks by placing a few drops of food coloring in the tank. If food coloring appears in the bowl after 15 minutes, the tank mechanism needs repair
- Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators
- Turn off the water while shaving, brushing your teeth, and washing your face or hands
- Use a broom or blower, instead of water, to clean decks, driveways and sidewalks
- Allow grass to grow longer – taller grass shades itself, is healthier and requires less water
- Use a rain barrel to fill watering cans, connect a garden hose, feed a drip irrigation system, and other outdoor chores

For more information about these water restrictions or our customer water conservation programs please feel free to contact us at 1-800-928-3734 or visit our web page at [www.aquarionwater.com](http://www.aquarionwater.com).

***About Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts:***

Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts is the public water supply company for more than 50,000 people in the towns of Hingham, Hull, North Cohasset, Millbury, and Oxford. Aquarion Water Company is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England, and it has been in the public water supply business since 1857. Across its operations, Aquarion strives to act as a responsible steward of the environment and to assist the communities it serves in promoting sustainable practices. Aquarion Water Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of [Eversource](#). For more information on Aquarion Water Company and its subsidiaries, please visit [www.aquarionwater.com](http://www.aquarionwater.com).

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