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Aquarion Water Company Warns Trespassers Against Swimming in Reservoirs

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – July 23, 2012 – Aquarion Water Company officials are advising people that swimming in Aquarion reservoirs is dangerous, illegal and considered trespassing, which is punishable by fines or arrest.

“Recently, there have been several incidents of trespassers swimming in Connecticut and New York company reservoirs, despite the fact that trespassing and swimming is prohibited,” said Ralph Fensore, Aquarion’s Chief of Law Enforcement and Security. “We want to remind people that our reservoirs are for public water supply and not swimming. Water level changes in our reservoirs are just one of many hazards that can cause serious injury or death. We want everyone to have a safe summer.”

Aquarion police work with local and state law enforcement agencies to prevent swimming and other unauthorized activities in company reservoirs. Unfortunately, arrests have been made for those who have chosen to ignore no trespassing laws.

Aquarion does welcome the public to the Centennial Watershed State Forest where the Saugatuck and Aspetuck Valley trails are open for hiking year-round for those who hold a valid permit (trail maps serve as your permit).

Additionally, three of Aquarion’s reservoirs are open to shoreline fishing with a valid Connecticut fishing license and an Aquarion fishing permit. They include Saugatuck Reservoir, in Redding and Weston; Far Mill Reservoir, in Shelton; and West Pequonnock Reservoir, in Monroe.

For more information about Aquarion’s public access policies, trail maps and fishing permits, please visit “Recreation” at www.aquarionwater.com and download the “Be Our Guest” brochure. Inquires can also be made by calling Aquarion’s Watershed & Environmental Management Office at (203) 452-3511.

About Aquarion Water Company:

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 600,000 people in 45 cities and towns throughout Connecticut, as well as serving customers in Massachusetts and New
Hampshire. It is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England and among the seven largest in the U.S. Based in Bridgeport, Conn., 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.

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