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## MDC ANNUAL WATERSHED INSPECTIONS BEGIN

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April 2, 2014

For Immediate Release

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Routine watershed sanitary surveys are required by Section 19-13-B102(b) of the Connecticut Public Health Code.

Property inspections will take place in the towns of Barkhamsted and Hartland on the Barkhamsted Reservoir watershed; in New Hartford, Burlington, Harwinton, Torrington and Winsted on the Nepaug Reservoir watershed; and in the towns of Avon, Simsbury, Bloomfield and West Hartford on the West Hartford/Reservoir No. 6 watersheds.

Routine field inspections take only a few minutes and will be conducted by MDC's Watershed Inspector who carries appropriate MDC identification and drives an authorized MDC vehicle. The Inspector does not enter homes; the inspection is limited to the exterior portions of the real property.

If a violation or an issue is detected, it is reported to the property owner and health officials as required by law.

Property owners may receive more information by contacting the MDC Watershed Management Unit, Barkhamsted Water Supply Division at 860-379-0916 extension 3105 or 860-278-7850 extension 3105.

**About the MDC:** *The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, sewer and household hazardous waste collection services to its member municipalities: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield, and Windsor and treated water to portions of Glastonbury, South Windsor, Farmington, East Granby, Unionville and Portland.*

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The Barkhamsted Reservoir is located in Connecticut but the watershed area that drains to the Reservoir includes lands located within the Towns of Granville and Tolland, MA. As a result, property inspections will take place in the towns of Tolland and Granville, Massachusetts, beginning in late spring.

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If a violation or a problem is detected, it is reported to the property owner and town officials. Information about faulty septic systems will be forwarded to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, as required by law.

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