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MDC ANNUAL WATERSHED INSPECTIONS BEGIN
Property inspections to begin in the towns of Tolland and Granville, Massachusetts

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(HARTFORD, CT) – The Metropolitan District (MDC) will be conducting its state-mandated annual watershed sanitary survey and inspection program beginning in April. The purpose of the program, which will continue through November, is to prevent contamination of the MDC's drinking water supplies as a result of septic system failure, erosion, runoff, and other potential pollutants.

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

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, Massachusetts. As a result, property inspections take place in the towns of Tolland and Granville.

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 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.

Property owners may receive more information by contacting the MDC Watershed Management Unit, Barkhamsted Water Supply Division at 860-278-7850 extension 3924.

***About MDC:** The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, wastewater treatment and other services to its member towns: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. In addition, the District supplies treated water to portions of Glastonbury, South Windsor, Farmington, East Granby and Portland.*

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