

A TOWERING INVESTMENT

by New Jersey American Water



The Hi-Nella water tank will be receiving a face lift.

New Jersey American Water is preparing for the painting and rehabilitation of its Hi-Nella water distribution tank located near West Atlantic Avenue in Hi-Nella.

The water tank was constructed in 1965 and was last painted in 1980. The project represents a critical investment for the company in support of our commitment to provide customers with affordable, high-quality, reliable water. The project will be completed by a tank rehabilitation contractor, Allied Painting, and includes sand-blasting and applying paint on the interior and exterior of the tank.

As a neighbor to our tank and a valued customer, we wanted to provide you with information on the rehabilitation of the structure and address any questions you may have about the project.

Work Hours

Work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekend work hours, as needed, will be from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Work will only take place on Sundays if the crew was unable to perform the necessary work during the week due to inclement weather.

Noise

With regard to noise related to the blasting of the tower, our contractor will be taking measures to minimize noise levels through the use of containment; however, there will be some unavoidable noise associated with this project, so we do apologize in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Paint and Dust Control

The tank will be fully contained using scaffolding and tarps to ensure that paint overspray and dust levels meet emission control requirements.

Safe lead removal is our priority

The paint on the outside of the tank does contain lead, which requires special procedures for removal. Be assured, your well-being and that of our environment are of the utmost importance. Throughout this project, New Jersey American Water is requiring full-time, on-site inspections to monitor air quality and safety; make sure the lead debris is contained and disposed of properly; and ensure compliance with environmental standards. Air monitoring for lead emissions will be conducted by a certified consultant. In addition, the ground around the tank will be tested to ensure painting activities do not affect the soil during this maintenance project.

Frequently Asked Q & A

When will the work begin and end?

New Jersey American Water's contractor has started preparing for the painting and rehabilitation of its Hi-Nella water tank. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed by Memorial Day.

Why repaint the tank and why now?

The cost of rehabilitating the tank represents a significant cost savings to customers in contrast to replacing the structure. In addition, painting and sand blasting provide a protective barrier to prevent the steel from rusting and compromising water quality. The tank is being painted now, so that we can complete the work before the high summer demand for water occurs.

Why not paint over the existing paint?

The tank was last repainted in 1980. Stripping the original paint allows us to apply a new paint, with good adhesion, which will add to the lifespan of the structure. If we applied the new paint over the current paint, it would not adhere properly.

Will my water service be disrupted?

We do not anticipate any disruptions to your water service as a result of this project.

Is there lead in the paint?

Until recent years, lead-based paint has been used throughout the industry on the exterior of water distribution tanks because it is effective in preventing rusting. The interior of our water tanks do not contain lead and do not pose any health concerns. The new paint system will be lead-free. Furthermore, the contractor is required to follow rigid testing and disposal requirements designed to protect you, our customers, and the natural environment.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have additional questions, please contact our Customer Service Center at 1-800-652-6987.