

A TOWERING INVESTMENT

by New Jersey American Water

UPDATE

Ocean City - 8th Street water distribution tank will be receiving a face lift.

Last fall, New Jersey American Water began repairing and repainting its water distribution tank located on Haven Avenue near 8th Street in Ocean City. This project represents a critical investment for the company in support of our commitment to provide customers with affordable, high-quality, reliable water service.

As our neighbor and a valued customer, we wanted to update you on our progress. The project began with our contractor, Allied Painting, making repairs and improvements to the tank. Before winter set in, we completed the repainting of the interior of the tank, along with the center riser pipe. Once winter passes, we will resume the project and begin work on painting the exterior of the structure.

Schedule

Weather permitting, we will begin to erect scaffolding and enclose the tank with tarps in early March. Blasting and painting the exterior surfaces will then begin later in March. The project is scheduled to be completed by the middle of May.

Work Hours

When work resumes, 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.

Noise

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. We do apologize in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Paint and Dust Control

The tank will be fully enclosed using scaffolding and tarps to contain the paint overspray and dust levels and to meet emissions control requirements.

Frequently Asked Q & A

Why repaint the tank and why now?

Maintaining the paint on tanks provides a protective barrier to prevent the steel from rusting and compromising water quality. By rehabilitating the tank, we are also increasing the life of a tank, which represents a significant cost savings to customers in contrast to replacing the structure.

Why not paint over the existing paint?

The new paint will not adhere properly to the surface of the tank if we repainted over the current paint. By stripping the tank, the new paint will adhere properly to the structure and for a longer period of time, which adds to the lifespan of the tank.

Will my water service be disrupted?

We do not anticipate any disruptions to your water service as a result of this project. Some customers may experience a reduction in water pressure while the tank is not in service from late February to May.

Is there lead in the paint?

The former paint on the interior of the tank did not contain lead, and there is an extremely small amount of lead in the existing paint on the tank's exterior. The new paint that has been applied to the interior and that will be applied to the exterior of the tank is lead-free. As part of the project, our contractor is required to follow rigid testing and disposal requirements when removing the paint. These requirements are designed to protect you, our customer, and the natural environment.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

Safe lead removal is our priority

The exterior of the tank contains an extremely small amount of lead in the paint. Removal of lead paint requires special procedures. Be assured, your well-being and that of the environment are of the utmost importance. New Jersey American Water is requiring inspectors to be on-site full-time during blasting and painting activities to monitor air quality and safety and ensure compliance with environmental standards. Air monitoring 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 project.



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