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BREWERTON, NORTH SYRACUSE, AND THOMPSON ROAD
"HYDROPILLARS"
TANK REHABILITATION
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This spring, OCWA will be performing maintenance work on three of the steel tanks that we refer to as "Hydropillars". These tanks are located off Route 11 in Brewerton, Route 11 in North Syracuse, and on Thompson Road in East Syracuse. The Brewerton and North Syracuse tanks were built in 1998 and Thompson Road was built in 2003. Paint systems on our water tanks typically last 20 years or so. Recent inspections of these tanks identified an opportunity to perform some selective spot coating repair and cleaning in order to extend the coating life. The goal is to extend the overall coating life well beyond the 20-year average normally anticipated. While the tank painting project is being completed, we will also conduct other maintenance and repair items to improve the safety and security of the tank.

A company that specializes in water tank maintenance will be performing the work. The work involves removing the old paint first in select areas (interior surfaces and the roof). During this process, which is done through a combination of abrasive blasting using air compressors, hand tools, and power washers, the tank work area will be partially enclosed in a containment system. This containment system allows for easy collection of the old paint and provides the best environment for the application of the new paint. Because the work is only spot repairs, a full containment of the tank will likely not be necessary. The new paint to be applied is a zero VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) environmentally friendly paint.



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