



# SMITHFIELD WATER SUPPLY BOARD

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Dear Customer,

I am writing to you to provide an update on the progress we are making with Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project.

The four-million gallon Island Woods Tank rehabilitation began March 16<sup>th</sup> and should be completed by mid-June. The one-million gallon Rocky Hill Tank rehabilitation will begin once the Island Woods tank is back in service and should be completed during the fall.

The rehabilitation work consists of draining the tanks, removing the interior and exterior coatings, completing mechanical upgrades to the overflow equipment, welding and patching as needed and bringing safety equipment up to current standards. The project will also include the installation of water mixing and water aeration devices to help control Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) levels, and maintain our water at the highest possible quality.

During the rehabilitation work, you should see no change in your daily water supply or water pressure.

We do, however, need to be prudent regarding our water usage during the duration of the project, as our storage capacity will be reduced, particularly for fire flow or if we were to experience a water main break.

For these reasons we are requesting that all non-essential water use be reduced on a **voluntary** basis during the duration of the project.

If during the summer months, the temperatures rise for prolonged periods making it difficult to maintain reserve levels, we will notify you of any additional water restrictions as they become necessary.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this important project. We will provide periodic updates via mail and on the town website <https://www.smithfieldri.com/community-bulletin-board/> throughout the project and inform you when the water restrictions are lifted.

If you have any question please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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