



City of Mercer Island
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The City receives its potable water from Seattle Public Utilities. Water is contained in two, 4.0-million-gallon steel reservoir tanks before being distributed to roughly 24,000 residents. The north tank was constructed in 1962 and the south tank was constructed in 1975. They are approximately 150 feet in diameter and 32 feet high. Both tanks were seismically enhanced in 1999 and the interior and exterior coatings were replaced in 2000. After over 20 years, the interior and exterior coatings have reached the end of their useful life and are in need of replacement to protect the tanks. A contractor has been hired to replace these coatings over the next 1.5 years. The project also includes safety improvements – replacing ladders with stairways, adding railings along the roof of the reservoir tanks, and improving tank access points.

Most of the 1.5 year construction will proceed without much impact to the neighborhood. However, the first phase of work involves installing the stairways and railings. This will create noise due mostly to hammering. This work will last approximately two weeks. Once this phase of work is completed, the remaining work will generally be less noisy.

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