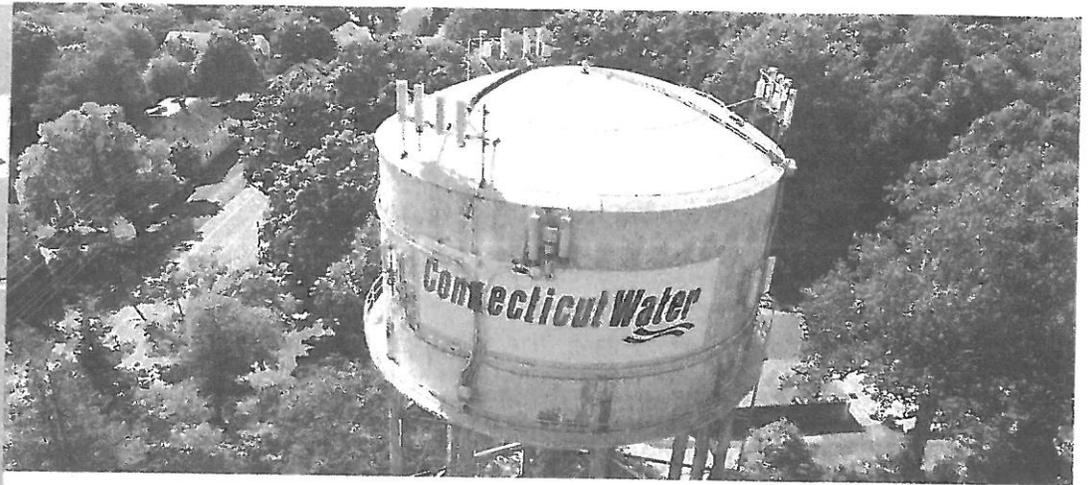


Connecticut Water

Connecticut Water is proud to deliver quality water and service to 93,000 customers, or approximately 315,000 people, in 56 Connecticut towns.

Safe, reliable water provides for public health, public safety and economic development for customers and the communities we serve.



Boston Post Road, Westbrook Water Tank No Longer Needed for Water Supply

Connecticut Water's water storage tank on Boston Post Road in Westbrook has reached the end of its useful life and is no longer needed for water system operations. The tank has been offline in recent years as Connecticut Water prepared for its removal. While the tank is a local landmark, it is old, expensive to maintain, in need of costly repairs, and provides no benefit to customers.

We understand the community may have some questions about the removal of the tank and what is taking its place. Here are answers to some of the frequently asked questions:

Q. Why is the tank being removed?

A. Connecticut Water began making operational changes to allow for the removal of this tank several years ago. It has a relatively small capacity of 500,000 gallons and recent cost estimates for painting and making structural repairs total \$1.5 million dollars, which would add to customers' rates.

Q. What will take the place of this tank for water system operations?

A. For water system operations this tank is no longer needed. In 2010 Connecticut Water completed construction of a 1.6 million gallon water storage tank in Westbrook north of I-95 off Route 145.

When the new larger tank was placed online, the Boston Post Road tank was no longer needed. The new tank is able to fully meet the water needs of customers and the public fire protection needs of the area.

Further, avoiding the \$1.5 million cost to make the required structural repairs and painting for a facility that is no longer needed for water supply is the right thing to do for our customers.

Q. What happens to the old tank?

A. Connecticut Water has hired specialists who will safely dismantle the old tank by late summer 2018. The steel will then be recycled.

Boston Post Road Water Storage Tank Westbrook, CT

Q. Why can't the antennas be kept on the tank?

A. In response to the Town's interest in keeping the tower, the cellular provider explored buying and restoring the tank so that the antennas could be kept there. They found that it would cost nearly \$1 million just to paint the tank, plus the cost to make the necessary structural repairs. This was not a viable option.

Q: There are many cell phone antennas on the tank, what will happen to communications?

A. A temporary telecommunications tower will be erected beginning in mid-April and cell antennas will be relocated to that structure.

The CT Siting Council will determine the best location for a permanent antenna structure through its normal review process. The Siting Council may approve a new telecommunications tower on the parcel where the tank is now located or elsewhere, depending on their review.



Connecticut Water's 1.6 million gallon water storage tank of Route 145 in Westbrook. The Boston Post Road tank is no longer needed.

Q. What about the emergency communications that rely on antennas on the tank?

A. Currently, Old Saybrook emergency communications are located on the tank. Old Saybrook has participated in meetings regarding this project and is arranging for transfer of their equipment to the temporary structure.

Q. When will the work be done?

A. Work to remove the tank may begin as early as July but we expect the activity to be off the road and have minimal impact on neighbors or traffic.

Bottom Line

The old water storage tank is in need of costly repairs and ongoing maintenance and is no longer required for water system operations. It is being removed since customers are no longer receiving a benefit from it.

Connecticut Water is mindful of our commitment to the community and has worked with local and regional first responders and cell service providers to maintain mobile communication antennas on the site, and provide free access to the tower for local and regional emergency communications.



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