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## “Two Million Gallon Water Storage Tank Repainted”



The two million gallon water storage tank at Norfolk’s West Water Plant will soon be full of water again. The tank had been emptied so that it could be repainted both inside and out this spring.

Painting was completed this weekend with the tank filled and the water tested for bacteria later in the week.

“We hope to have it back in service by June 14,” said Dennis Watts, City of Norfolk Water Director.

The \$350,000 project began in April with wet weather making the project take a bit longer than planned for Berendse and Sons of Rapid City, South Dakota, the company contracted to do the work.

Watts said the wet weather has proven to be beneficial in some ways as Norfolk residents aren’t using as much water as they usually do this time of year. Peak usage for water last summer was 10 million gallons in one day last July. Right now residents are using about 5 million gallons per day.

Since the painting project began, staff has determined that there is some structural damage in the tank that will have to be repaired this fall. The steel tank was installed in 1974.