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Yost Reservoir Construction Begins Next Week

EDMONDS, WA - The City is preparing for repairs and upgrades to the Yost and Seaview water storage reservoirs. The project will help keep the City's water system working reliably for years to come. The first step is to drain the Reservoir, which begins on October 26, 2026.

Work will be completed in two phases, beginning at Yost Reservoir in fall 2026, followed by Seaview Reservoir during a subsequent construction season.

Yost Reservoir Work to Begin in November

The contractor plans to start bringing equipment and materials to Yost Park on November 2, 2026. The city must drain Yost Reservoir to allow the contractor to complete the necessary repairs and upgrades.

Temporary Water Discoloration Possible

Draining the reservoir may stir up sediment in the water system, which could temporarily cause tap water to look discolored. If this happens, residents in the Bowl/Downtown area are most likely to notice it. Any discoloration is expected to be temporary.

Residents who experience discolored water are encouraged to take the following steps:

- Run cold water: Run cold water from a faucet for a few minutes to see if it starts to clear.
- Try another faucet: If the water remains discolored, run cold water from a bathtub or shower for a few minutes.
- Avoid hot water: Do not run hot water while the cold water is discolored. This will help minimize the possibility of drawing discolored water into the home's hot water tank.

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- If the water remains discolored after these steps, contact the City's Public Works Department at 425-771-0235.

Construction Schedule and Recreation Impacts

The reservoir project will be completed in two phases:

- Yost Reservoir: Construction is planned to be completed before May 2027.
- Seaview Reservoir: Construction is anticipated September 2027 through April 2028.

Because Yost Reservoir is located beneath the existing pickleball and tennis courts at Yost Park, both courts will be closed to public use during construction. Following completion of the reservoir work, a new replacement sport court is set to be installed and will open in spring 2027.

What Residents Can Expect

Construction may result in temporary construction-related noise and increased contractor vehicle and equipment activity near the work areas. The City will provide additional information if specific access restrictions, traffic impacts, or water service interruptions are anticipated.

The construction schedule is subject to change. The City will share schedule updates and additional project information as they become available.

For more information or media requests, please contact Natasha Ryan at Natasha.Ryan@edmondswa.gov.

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