

Getting inspected? Accessing the Top of Your Water Storage Tank

Due to safety concerns, our inspectors may no longer to climb on top of storage tanks during an inspection.



Be ready with photos

What photos should I provide?

Public water systems are responsible for proper maintenance and operation of storage tanks, including on top. During an inspection, you should be prepared to provide recent photographs of:

1. Hatch lock
2. Gasket inside hatch lid
3. #16-mesh screen on tank vent

Hire for Help

Since accessing the top of a tank can be logistically challenging, it is important to plan ahead for costs and labor. Make safety a priority. You may need to hire contractors and/or rent equipment.



Keep in Mind!

Community Water Systems (CWS) are inspected once every 3 years and Non-Transient, Non-Community (NTNC) and Transient Non-Community (TNC) are inspected once every 5 years.

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