

Gardiner Flood Update 06/23/22

Highlighted information is new to this update

Gardiner Water District Update: Gardiner's water has been deemed safe for consumption by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. The Boil Water advisory has been lifted. Homes and businesses connected to Gardiner Water and Sewer District can resume normal use, including the serving of open food and drinks.

Park County Travel Restrictions: Point of Rocks Bridge on 89S is OPEN. Guard rails are still under repair. Cinnabar Basin Road will be closed to all traffic, including locals, as repairs are made from 7am-4pm Monday-Friday next week.

YNP Closure: The North and Northeast entrances remain closed to vehicle and foot traffic. The South Loop is now open. See updates and restrictions at nps.gov/yell

Yellowstone River Closure: The River is now open with limited access. Most fishing accesses remain closed due to erosion and unstable banks. Access is mostly restricted to private land. "Exercise an abundance of caution" near the river. See <https://fwp.mt.gov/news> for more information and updates on closures.

National Forest Update: The Gardiner and Yellowstone ranger districts have reopened. Beartooth Ranger District remains closed. In Gardiner, Yankee Jim & Joe Brown Trailhead and Bear Creek bridge over Darroch Cr. also remain closed. See www.fs.usda.gov/custergallatin for more information.

Multi-Agency Resource Center MARC: An event with organizations and agencies that will provide information on recovery and assistance resources will be held in Gardiner at the school on Saturday from 2-5.

Gardiner Business Update: If you are a Gardiner Business, please email gardinerflood@gardinerchamber.com and fill out the form in the automatic reply to help gather information on the business capacity of Gardiner this summer.

Medical Needs: If you have a medical emergency, call 911. If you need routine or non-emergency medical care, contact the clinic in Mammoth or Livingston. These clinics are finding ways to accommodate patients that are experiencing travel limitations.

Flood-Damaged Property: Please fill out a Montana Department of Emergency Services self-assessment of your property as soon as possible. You will need to provide the address, information about insurance, a description of the damage, and photographs. This information determines what types of assistance may be offered from state and federal programs to individuals. The more assessments completed, the better! Please help your friends and neighbors with assessments if they do not have computer/internet access. The form is largely an online process and found at <https://des.mt.gov> or by scanning the QR code. Call (406) 222-4131 for help filling out the form.



Private Wells in Gardiner: There is no requirement to test private wells. Testing is recommended if your well head was submerged or surrounded by flood waters. A limited supply of kits are available at the Chamber of Commerce. The Park City-County Health Department (406-222-4145) offers testing kits to pick up in Livingston. Water samples must be taken by the owner within 24 hours of testing at a Bozeman lab. Tests cost \$28 (cash or check to Bridger Analytical Labs) paid when the test is dropped off. Drop tests off at the Park City-County Health Department from 8am-Noon Mondays and Wednesdays or at Bridger Analytical Labs in Bozeman during their office hours.

If your well has been infected, see the CDC's recommendations for disinfection —————→ or call the Park City-County Health Department at (406) 222-4145



Flood related refuse: There are extra green boxes temporarily at Point of Rocks (at the intersection of Hwy 89 South and Old Yellowstone Trail). Look for boxes dedicated to flood-related waste from inside residential or commercial structures, such as drywall, furniture, and carpeting, for example, NOT natural river debris. If the boxes are full, DO NOT place debris on the ground – please come back another time. **Natural river debris can be disposed of at the Chico Green boxes from 10am-4pm starting Friday.**

Crisis Cleanup: Residents are encouraged to call 2-1-1 or (406) 201-1173 to create an account for Crisis Cleanup so that they can connect to disaster relief organizations, including potential financial resources. They are a collaborative disaster work order management platform that improves coordination, reduces duplication of efforts, improves efficiency, and improves volunteers' experience.

COOKE CITY/Silvergate, MT is open and can be accessed via US Hwy 212 from Cody, WY.

Silvergate's boil water advisory has been lifted.

To Get Information

- Follow the official **Park County Flooding - June 2022** Facebook Information Page for updates in real time.
- Visit the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce website visitgardinermt.com for local information.
- Paper information for those not able to access the internet at the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, Gardiner Sinclair, Gardiner Market, and Gardiner District Ranger Station.
- The “Noon Community Call” for Gardiner/Cooke City with Park County/Yellowstone will be held weekly. Information will be released on the time and number of this call as it becomes available.
- Attend the Multi-Agency Resource Center on **Saturday, June 25 from 2-5pm at Gardiner School**.
- For all non-emergency questions, call the Park County Information Hotline at 406-222-4131. This hotline will be open 8 AM to 10 PM.

To Get Assistance

- **Yellowstone Community Fund:** Go to yellowstonecommunityfund.org to fill out an assistance request. This fund serves persons in the Gardiner Basin.
- **Park County Community Foundation Fund Request:** Fill out the Google Form Fund Request for SWMT, Flood Relief Fund - Serving Park and Madison Counties found at www.pccf-montana.org/
- **The Gardiner Food Pantry** is located at 108 3rd Street and is open Tuesdays 1-6, they also have food boxes available as needed anytime during the week. Call Linda Gray at 307-250-5853.
- **Housing:** If you are in need of housing the Gardiner Baptist Church is available to help. Please call Pastor Britton Gray at 406-223-4478.
- **Call 211** to be connected with a multitude of resources.

To Make Donations.

Be advised, there are multiple scams representing themselves as relief funds.

- **The Yellowstone Community Fund**, our local nonprofit, is providing financial assistance as needed. You can make checks payable to Yellowstone Community Fund. Mail them to the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, ATTN: Yellowstone Community Fund PO Box 81 Gardiner, MT 59030. Or at yellowstonecommunityfund.org.
- **Park County Community Foundation:** This is a newly established fund to support communities affected by the severe flooding in Park County, Madison County and other areas of Southwest Montana. The funding will provide support for immediate needs like emergency shelter, drinking water, food, clothing, food replacement from lost freezers and refrigerators, and will also help with clean-up and rebuilding efforts. You can find more information at: www.pccf-montana.org
- **211:** Montana 2-1-1 provides information and connects people to resources for non-emergency needs via dialing 211 or visiting the website montana211.org.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** If you are interested in volunteering Gardiner local services, housing, food, equipment, etc. please see the link: Gardiner Flooding 2022 Volunteer Interest Form at visitgardinermt.com. The established point of contact will reach out to you as soon as they are able.

GARDINER MULTI-AGENCY RESOURCE CENTER

Have you been impacted by the recent flood? Do you need cleaning supplies?

Help with financial resources? Food assistance? Legal service information?

**Stop by Gardiner School on
Saturday, June 25 between
2-5pm.**

Materials have been provided, free of cost, through non-profit organizations and government assistance programs. Recovery specialists will be available on-site to answer questions and address needs.

For further details, please call (406) 222-4131.