

Gardiner Flood Update 06/21/22

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: Cinnabar Basin Road is currently closed. Point of Rocks Bridge remains under construction—paving should begin this 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 will be opening with limited access on Thursday. Fishing accesses will remain closed due to erosion and unstable banks. "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. A site for disposing of natural river debris will be operational soon.

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