

# Gardiner Flood 2022 Update 06/19/22

Highlighted information is new to this update

**Park County Travel Restrictions** remain in effect. Roads from Livingston to Gardiner remain open only to residents, emergency vehicles, deliveries, and essential services. **Cinnabar Basin Road is currently closed.** Click here for the [current Park County Flood Information Map](#) or go to [ParkCounty.org](http://ParkCounty.org) and click the red banner at the top of the page to find a link to the map. The map legend is located in the upper right corner—click on it to view.

**YNP Closure:** All entrances are closed to vehicle and foot traffic. **The South Loop will open June 22. This does not include the North Entrance in Gardiner.** See updates at [nps.gov/yell](http://nps.gov/yell)

**Yellowstone River Closure:** The river remains closed to all recreation.

**Weather:** River levels will remain elevated through Monday due to some rain and snowmelt. Flood stage not expected. Use caution near the river and unstable, eroded river banks, or slippery debris areas.

**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 on this page—----->



**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.** 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. There are no federal holiday closures on Monday June 20 for these services.

**Flood related refuse:** There are extra green boxes at Chico, Gardiner, Cooke City, and 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 to dispose of your trash. **Gardiner is seeking ways to help residents clean up and dispose of natural debris piles—stay tuned for more information.**

## Gardiner Water District Update:

- The water district remains under a "Boil Water Advisory" . Residents are advised to continue boiling water for consumption.
- The sewer line in Gardiner was reinforced to maintain stability and is secure.
- The delay in municipal water testing is because a premature test, before the system is properly flushed and disinfected, may show contamination. This will require a lengthier testing process. The Gardiner Water District is working to restore water quality as fast as possible by testing at the appropriate time.
- When test results indicate safe water, the "Boil Water Advisory" will be lifted. Those connected to the Gardiner Water District, including restaurants, can resume normal water consumption at that time. Restaurants will not need any special approvals or inspections to resume service according to the Park County Health Department.
- The Gardiner Market generously donated free bottled water for local residents. It is at The Market.

**Gardiner retail food update:** According to the Park County Health Department and 2013 FDA Model Food Code(\$5-101.12), due to “boil advisory”, food from retail food establishments connected to the Gardiner Water District must be pre-packaged or canned. No open food or open drinks may be served due to risk of water contamination.

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