

Gardiner Flood 2022 Noon Update 06/18/22

Highlighted information is new to this update

Travel Restrictions remain in effect. The road just south of Livingston is still designated by Park County as open to “emergency and local traffic only.” This restriction is reevaluated daily. Also, there is no water on East River Road—this was an irrigation overflow that was mitigated; the road is dry.

YNP Closure: All entrances are closed to vehicle and foot traffic. Updates at nps.gov/yell

Yellowstone River Closure: The river remains closed to all recreation and river levels are expected to remain elevated through Monday. Use extreme caution around unstable eroded banks.

Gardiner Water District Update:

- The water district remains under a "Boil Water Advisory".
- The sewer line in Gardiner received maintenance yesterday and is reported in stable condition.
- 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.
- Residents are advised to continue boiling water for consumption.

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.

Private Wells in Gardiner: There is no requirement to test private wells, but 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 be picked up in Livingston. Water samples must be taken by the owner within 24 hours of being tested at a Bozeman lab. Tests cost \$28 paid by cash or check written out to Bridger Analytical Labs when the test is dropped off. Tests can be dropped off at the Park City-County Health Department between 8am and 12pm on Mondays and Wednesdays or at Bridger Analytical Labs in Bozeman during their office hours. Bear in mind that *Monday June 20 is a Federal Holiday* and it is unclear at this time if the lab is open. *If the lab in Bozeman is CLOSED for the federal holiday, the sample cannot be tested within the 24 hour window and the sterile container will be wasted. We encourage you to call ahead.*

Flood-related refuse: There will be extra green boxes placed at Chico, Gardiner, Cooke City, and temporarily at Point of Rocks (at the intersection of Hwy 89 South and Old Yellowstone Trail). Look for green boxes dedicated to flood related waste. If the boxes are full, DO NOT place debris on the ground – please come back another time to dispose of your trash. For Livingston residents, the transfer station will be open regular hours, including Saturday morning 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM. Please be advised that it may close earlier if the station reaches capacity.

Until further notice, these locations are only accepting material from inside residential or commercial structures, such as drywall, furniture, and carpeting, for example. NOT accepted at this time is river debris, such as logs, green waste, rocks and mud. Please keep that on your property until further notice. We are also not accepting large appliances, such as refrigerators and stoves, at this time.

Government Official Delegation Visit: Senator Steve Daines, Governor Greg Gianforte, FEMA’s Associate Administrator Anne Bink, and Yellowstone Superintendent Cam Sholly visited Gardiner on Friday to survey the flood impacts and listen to business leaders’ concerns.

Property Owners with Flood Damage: If your property was damaged, go to <https://des.mt.gov> to submit a “Personal Property Damage Form”. There is no guarantee of reimbursement. Please help us get this information to our friends and neighbors who do not have internet/computer access.

COOKE CITY, MT

- U.S. Hwy 212 between Cody and Cooke City remains open.
- Cooke City is not accessible through Yellowstone/Mammoth as YNP is closed.
- There is no indication at this time that you need to boil your water in Cooke City. We are checking the well house frequently and will update you if anything changes.
- For more information visit the Cooke City/Silver Gate Community News Facebook page.