

# Gardiner Flood 2022 Evening Update 06/17/22

Highlighted information is new to this update

**Travel Restrictions** remain in effect. Roads from Livingston to Gardiner remain open only to residents, emergency vehicles, deliveries, and essential services.

**YNP Closure:** All entrances are closed to vehicle and foot traffic. Updates at [nps.gov/yell](https://www.nps.gov/yell)

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

**Point of Rocks bridge** is being repaired and it is ESTIMATED to be in service in about 2 weeks. This will depend on weather and supplies, but it is a high priority for Park County.

## Gardiner Water District Update:

- The water district remains under a "Boil Water Advisory" .
- **The sewer line** in Gardiner received maintenance today. This is preemptive work to ensure it remains stable. Crews were working at Pipeline Rapids in the Yellowstone River in Gardiner.
- The delay in 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 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.

**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.

## 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.
- The Cooke City Water District has been communicating with DEQ. The system is not compromised There is no indication at this time that you need to boil your water in Cooke City. However if it would make you feel more comfortable, feel free to do so. 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.