June 22, 2022 - Park County Flooding Update

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Evening Update:

- Gardiner's water has been deemed safe for consumption by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Homes, restaurants, and other structures that are connected to Gardiner's public water supply can resume normal use. Structures connected to private wells should follow Health Department guidance.
- The Yellowstone river will be opening with some limited access in the coming days. Fishing accesses will remain closed due to erosion and unstable banks. In addition, the river levels continue to be high and at potentially dangerous levels. https://fwp.mt.gov/homepage/news/2022/june/0622---fwp-reopens-yellowstone-river-advisescaution-around-high-water>
- The Forest Service has opened the forest for the Gardiner and Yellowstone Ranger Districts. The Forest Service does have closure in place of campgrounds and roads, please see their website for more information. Custer Gallatin National Forest - Alerts & Notices>
- A Gardiner Multi Agency Resource Center (MARC) is being planned for this Saturday June 25th. Will be held at the Gardiner School from 2-5pm. County residents can be connected with relief organizations for help.
- Flood Recovery Information Guide is being distributed county wide. Digital copies can be found on the flood Facebook page as well as the Park County website. This guide will help walk residents through the recovery processes.



Update

A "Boil Water Advisory" is in place for Silver Gate. For residents under the boil advisory, a rolling boil for one minute is recommended before consuming. Retail food establishments in Silver Gate will serve prepackaged food and drink only. No open food or open drinks may be served due to risk of water contamination.

If you are on a private well and have questions about water safety or testing, please call the Park County Health Department 406-222-4145.

Flood impacted residents in Park County are strongly encouraged to **fill out a Personal Property Damage Form as soon as possible.** Data from this assessment will be used to determine potential eligibility for additional resources through federal or state channels. This survey will be important for determining what types of assistance programs may be available to residents. The more self-assessments that can be completed, the better the state can coordinate available resources. All homeowners, regardless of the level of damage, are encouraged to fill out the self-assessment <u>here</u> or by using camera to scan the QR code (to right).

Contact Info

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.

Updates are posted throughout the day at the Park County Flooding – June 2022 Facebook page.

