

FLOOD RESOURCE SHEET FOR MISSOULA CITY & COUNTY CITIZENS

General Information:

Missoula County Department of Emergency Services, Missoula County Sheriff's Department, City of Missoula Police Department, City of Missoula Public Works Department, Missoula County Public Works Department, and numerous fire agencies are the primary agencies preparing for potential high water events and have been meeting regularly to monitor the situation.

Missoula County Sheriff's Deputies, Missoula City Police Officers, and City and County Public Works Officials are monitoring water levels on their scheduled routes and reporting critical information to the Department of Emergency Services and the National Weather Service.

If citizens are concerned about rising water or have noticed water that is covering or crossing a road please call 9-1-1 immediately so a responder may be dispatched to the area to check on the situation.

If there is standing water on a roadway, people should not travel through the water as it is difficult to judge the depth of the water.

Sandbags

Missoula County has a cache of sandbags stored at Public Works to help protect critical public infrastructure such as roads and bridges. Protecting critical public infrastructure is crucial in mitigating further adverse impacts to citizens and property.

For citizens wishing to acquire sandbags for personal property protection, there are several local businesses that sell sandbags:

Time Rental has empty sandbags for sale and you may fill them there with free sand. They are located at 9393 Cartage Rd, Missoula: 543-7136

Mutual Materials sells both empty and filled sandbags. They are located at 2910 American Way, Missoula: 549-2011
You may also purchase sandbags on-line. One possibility is:

http://www.onlinefabricstore.net/landscape-and-garden/bags-and-sacks.htm?gclid=CJ_1463S26gCFQUGbAod5zywIw

If you choose to purchase sandbags to protect private property please be aware of a few things:

You need to get permission to place sandbags along riparian areas from the Missoula Conservation District at (406) 829-3395 and the Army Corps of Engineers at (406) 441-1375.

If you place sandbags on your property make sure they are placed to protect your structure(s) but not on the tops of stream banks or rivers which could push those waters to flow faster and deeper downstream to the detriment of others.

Additional Resources

Additional information is available through the Montana State Department of Emergency Services:

<http://dma.mt.gov/des/>

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would like to encourage contractors to register on their website if they are interested in working for the Corps should the need arise:

<http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=floods&pagename=home>

For additional information please contact:

The Missoula Disaster and Emergency Services Information line
(406) 258-4636 (258-INFO) for a recorded message updated daily

Missoula County Floodplain Administrator

(406) 258-4841

Missoula County DES

(406) 258-4469