

# Road closures, sandbagging stations announced as flood threat rises

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JANESVILLE—The Rock County Sheriff's office reports that low-lying areas along the Rock River are under the threat of flooding.

The river, swollen from heavy rains the last, is not expected to crest until early this week, but the sheriff's office reports that low areas along the river in Afton and near Lake Koshkonong could see "moderate to major flooding."

Forecasters are calling for a chance of rain through Wednesday. The Rock River, which is already to its brink and threatening to overtop parts of South River Road in Janesville, is expected to rise another 6 to 8 inches by Monday, officials said.

The following areas and roads are closed or are being monitored by the Rock County Sheriff's Office and 911 Communications Center for potential flooding:

- Happy Hollow Park, town of Rock: Closed because of the threat of flooding.
- South River Road Janesville, town of Rock: Open, but being monitored for flooding. Drivers should use caution around areas of high waters near the roadway.
- Mallwood Estates, Edgerton: Lake Shore Drive, closed from East Road Three Street to East Road Seven Street.
- Mallwood Estates, Edgerton: East Road Nine Street, closed east from Ridge Road to the end of East Road Nine Street.
- Sugar River and Sugar River Park, town of Avon: Being monitored for flooding.

Townships in the path of potential floods are staging sandbag stations this weekend. Residents under the threat of flooding can get sand and sandbags at the following locations:

- Town of Rock: Call Town Chairman Mark Gunn at 608-752-8569 for sandbags. Sand will be available at the Rock Town Hall at 5102 S. County D, Afton.
- Town of Milton: Call Town Chairman Bryan Meyer at Milton Town Hall at 608-868-2465 for sandbags. Sand will be available at the Rock County Highway Department sheds at Highway 59 and North Sherman Road in Edgerton WI.
- Town of Fulton: Town Chairman Evan Sayre will distribute sandbags to town residents at 1 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. 1 p.m. Sunday at the Rock County Highway Department sheds at Highway 59 and North Sherman Road, Edgerton. Sand will also be available there.

The sheriff's office recommends that residents avoid traveling across high water on roads, and is asking drivers to report hazardous flood conditions by calling Rock County 911 Communications at 608-757-2244.

People with questions about sandbagging or other flood concerns should call town officials or the Rock County Emergency Management Division at 608-758-8440.