

City of Monona: Post-flood lake levels dropping

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Because of the extensive rain on Wednesday, the level of Lake Monona rose 2", setting an all-time record of 10" above the 100-year flood level. However, we have seen a decline of 3/4" in the last 24 hours, and there is no rain in the forecast for the foreseeable future. Water is still flowing into Lake Mendota from its tributaries, and water continues to be released from Lake Mendota into Lake Monona. But with the dry weather, we can expect to see a 1/2"-1" drop per day in the level of Lake Monona. Because of the record high level of the lake, however, it will still take many weeks for lake levels to recede, and additional rain will further slow the process.

Residents should not remove sandbags and should continue to monitor their walls for breaches. The City has seen a tremendous response from calls for volunteers, so there is an ample supply of filled sandbags stockpiled at Oneida Park for the time being. We thank all of the great volunteers who have come out to fill and place sandbags over the last three weeks. Additional sandbagging efforts are not needed at this time, but the City will send alerts if efforts are needed in the future.

Residents who have experienced flood damage should complete a 2-1-1 Wisconsin Disaster

Report at <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/damage-report>. Reports can also

be made by calling 2-1-1; however, the United Way prefers online reports at this time because of the great amount of phone calls they are receiving. All three City of Monona boat launches remain closed until further notice. The launches are located at Winnequah Trail, Tonyawatha Trail, and Lottes Park. A slow-no wake order also remains in effect.

The City will continue to keep residents updated through emergency alerts and updates via the City of Monona website at MyMonona.com, on City social media sites, and on its radio station - WVMO 98.7 FM. Residents can sign up to receive email and text message alerts by going to MyMonona.com and clicking on the "Notify Me" icon, then selecting "Emergency Alerts."