



# CITY OF MISSOULA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Public Works Director

### *A message from John -*

The month of May brought unexpected activities for our department and the community at large. I'd like to give a shout-out to my colleagues and staff in Public Works for their participation and assistance to Missoula County during this ongoing flooding event.

**The Wastewater Treatment Plant** processed a high level of wastewater as additional flows came through with the additional water pumping from homes. The plant operated fine and was not threatened by the flooding.

Brian Hensel from the **Street Department** was our department's liaison with the Incident Management Team and his staff monitored street conditions, storm drains, and provided barricades for streets west of Reserve.

**Storm Water** monitored the storm drains and levees and had just completed the twice-yearly inspections of the levees last month which are in good shape.

**Missoula Water** has been monitoring wells and the Lower Rattlesnake Dam daily. The wells are not compromised and your drinking water is safe.

**Thank you team for a job well done!**

## Storm Water



With flooding season here, low-lying or poor-draining areas may be inundated from river flooding, runoff, or an over-saturated groundwater table. As always, prepare and stay informed for coming flood conditions. If you see water over-topping the road, do not drive into the flood waters as most flood deaths occur in vehicles. If you come into contact with flood water, wash your hands as soon as possible, ensure your family washes their hands prior to eating, and safeguard against waterborne illnesses which may be present in the flood water near your home. If you need immediate assistance contact 911. If your issue is less urgent, you can reach the Missoula County Sheriff's office at 406-258-4810. For general flooding inquiries call the public information line at 406-258-4630. To see the most up-to-date flooding, evacuation, and sandbag volunteer information visit [Missoula's InciWeb](#).

## Missoula Water



Missoula Water is happy to provide **potable drinking water** for residents affected by the flood. Please bring your own container. The wells serving our customers are carefully and frequently monitored and have not been affected by the flooding situation. Should a well become vulnerable, we have the ability to inactivate it and provide customers with drinking water from another protected well. Speaking of water quality, the annual water quality report (also called the **Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)**) is now available on our [website](#). The CCR includes a variety of important information about Missoula's drinking water source, any monitored contaminants found in the drinking water during the compliance period, and if state and federal drinking water standards have been met. We're also holding **public meetings** for two of our water improvement projects. The **Gerald Avenue** public meeting will be held Monday, 5/21 at 5:30 at Hellgate High School in room 224. The **Howell Street** public meeting will be held Tuesday, 5/22 at 5:30 at the northwest corner of Howell and Burton streets. For more information about our infrastructure projects, please visit our projects webpage at [www.ci.missoula.mt.us/waterprojects](http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/waterprojects).

