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PRESS RELEASE

Disaster Declaration and Damage Assessment

The Tittabawassee River at M-46 in Saginaw County crested overnight and has begun to recede. The water levels on the Saginaw River have continued to slowly rise and are just under 22' as of early this morning. The Saginaw River is predicted to crest at just over 22' during the morning of 5-22-20. Residents and businesses along the Saginaw River should continue to monitor conditions and be prepared to take action should floodwaters threaten.

All bridges across the Tittabawassee River, as well as the Genesee St Bridge across the Saginaw River, are closed to all traffic. These bridges will be inspected as the water recedes and reopened when deemed safe. The Saginaw Road Commission maintains an interactive map that can help with navigation around closed areas of Saginaw County. Links to the map can be found on the SCRC commission website www.scrc-mi.org.

While waters are receding along the Tittabawassee River it may still not be safe for residents to return their homes until waters recede further. Some basic safety tips as residents return to their homes that have been flooded:

- If you see sparks, broken or frayed wires, or if you smell hot insulation, turn off the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker.
- If you suspect sewage lines are damaged, avoid using sinks, showers or toilets and call a plumber.
- If water pipes are damaged, turn off the water at the main valve. Call a plumber for assistance.
- Throw away food, beverages, and medicine exposed to heat, smoke, or soot. Food that was in the freezer can be used if it still has ice crystals on it. If not, discard it.
- Disconnect and check all appliances for damage before using them.

Additional safety and cleaning tips can found at <https://www.ready.gov/floods>.

Saginaw County has submitted a request to the Governor's Office for a Disaster Declaration related to the flooding in Saginaw County. The State of Michigan is also compiling information to request a Presidential Disaster declaration. Both efforts will be updated as additional information becomes available.

To assist with determining the amount of flood damage in Saginaw County, residents and businesses can complete a self-reporting survey. A link to that survey can be found at www.saginawcounty.com/emhsd. Information from this survey will assist in determining the areas and amount of flood damage in Saginaw County and are important for the Governor and Presidential Declaration process. In addition to completing the survey, residents should take pictures of any damage to their property.

Three Saginaw County Shelters remain open: Hemlock High School, Swan Valley High School, and Saginaw Twp Center Courts.



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Residents who are having difficulty with basic needs are encouraged to contact 211 where they can be directed to appropriate community agencies that may be able to help.

For information on road closures, please visit the Saginaw County Road Commission website @ <https://www.scr-mi.org/>

Anyone interested in making a donation to assist in the Flood Response Efforts, go to the Saginaw Community Foundation website @ <http://www.saginawfoundation.org/site/>

During the Flood Emergency, please utilize 911 for emergencies only.
Do not call 911 for directions or road closures.

Monitor media outlets and Saginaw County Emergency Management Facebook page for updates.

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