



City of Yakima

News Release

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Access is Restored to Areas Impacted by Flooding

Access to apartments, homes, and offices located adjacent to Lake Aspen and Willow Lake has been restored after having been restricted for several days due to significant flooding in the area earlier this week.

Unseasonably warm temperatures combined with precipitation resulted in flooding along several streams and creeks in the Yakima area over the past week. Rising waters forced the evacuation of 50 units at the Lake Aspen apartment complex, about a dozen homes in the Aspen Village development, and all of the Lake Aspen Business Park over the last few days. Now that water has receded from much of the area, City officials have allowed residents and property owners to return.

Work is currently underway to restore electricity to homes and other buildings that have been without power due to flooding. No estimate has been made yet regarding when power will be reestablished throughout the entire area.

The City of Yakima has deactivated its Emergency Operations Center. A public concern telephone line that has been operating over the last several days has also been deactivated.

Additional updates will be provided when necessary.