



City of Yakima

News Release

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Washington Avenue Reopened After Earlier Closure Due to Flooding

Washington Avenue between 48th Avenue and 16th Avenue has been reopened to traffic after having been closed for several hours earlier today due to flooding. However, Wide Hollow Road between 80th Avenue and 96th Avenue remains closed because flood waters continue to cover the roadway in several locations.

Overnight rains caused Yakima area streams and rivers to swell, resulting in isolated flooding. Wide Hollow Creek, which runs roughly parallel to Washington Avenue between 48th Avenue and 16th Avenue, overflowed its banks early this morning, resulting in the closure of that stretch of the roadway.

City of Yakima crews have been actively working since early this morning to address issues and protect property and are continuing their efforts to mitigate the effects of the flooding.

A flood watch issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) this morning for small streams throughout Yakima County was originally set to expire at about 2:00 pm today, but has now been extended to 8:00 pm. A flood warning issued by the NWS earlier today for the Naches River also remains in effect.

Updates may be provided by the City of Yakima as conditions warrant.