



CITY OF BURLINGTON

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Burlington Flood Update July 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m.	
Key Safety Messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Burlington water is safe to drink. • Do not place generators, gas engines or pumps too close to buildings or inside buildings due to danger of carbon monoxide. • Do not drive through standing water. • There is a curfew in place again tonight from 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. • Water is still rapidly flowing. Use all caution especially in Echo Park and along the Fox River.
Current Status	<p>The City of Burlington is experiencing flooding which is affecting most of the municipality and surrounding communities. The Fox River crested the morning of July 13 at its highest historical level of 16.5 feet and began to slowly recede. The level of the river is expected to dip below major flood stage of 14.0 feet by mid-morning on Saturday, July 15. Echo Lake Dam was opened a small amount at 11:00 a.m. to relieve pressure on the structural concrete and the earth embankments. The concrete is holding however erosion of the earth embankment is a concern. The lake is being drawn down so repairs can occur. The dam will be opened in small increments during this draw down period. At this time, we do not know how long it will be before the repairs are finished.</p>
Drinking Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Burlington drinking water is safe to drink. • If you have a well, it may not be safe to drink your water if you are in the flooded area. You are asked not to drink your water if you notice any difference in it. There is not a boil water order in effect. However, the Health Department is recommending that you chlorinate your well and test for bacteria. The Health Department will have free test kits in the near future. Check their website for more information. • Bottled water is available for free at Gooseberry’s and the Burlington High School. • We appreciate the generosity of the public in donating bottled water. At this time, we have enough bottled water on hand.
Utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We Energies expects to systematically restore power to customers one area at a time. It will be a slow and methodical process which began on Friday afternoon. They are working hard to get power back as soon as possible as they manage their own storm restoration. They hope to restore power to all customers by Saturday morning. • If you requested your power to be turned off and would like to have it

	<p>turned back on, call We Energies. The We Energy phone number is 800-662-4797. If you have substantial water in your basement but did not call WE Energies to cut off power to your home, do so.</p>
<p>Clean up</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Racine County Health Department will have free clean up kits. Contents include mop, bucket, and other items. They are available at Town of Waterford Hall and Police Department, Union Grove Piggly Wiggly, and the Burlington High School. For more details, see the Health Department webpage.
<p>Public</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For emergency, call 911 • Non-emergency police services, call Racine County Dispatch at 262-763-9558. • To report damage to roads/bridges, or anything that would be a safety hazard like a sinkhole, call 911. • If you are a resident, call 211 to report personal property damage. • We are asking the general public to avoid these flooded areas for your own safety. Do not drive through roads that are covered in water. There will be a curfew tonight from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. • Be very careful not to run generators, gas engines, or pumps inside or near your home due to danger of carbon monoxide. • Cash donations only at any BMO Harris bank under “Burlington Flood Relief Account”. At this time, we do not need volunteers or donations of any kind. • The Town of Burlington is enforcing a “slow no wake” emergency order on Browns Lake and Bohner’s Lake. • Homeowners should document any damages to their belongings or property.
<p>Resources Assigned and Cooperators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Guard -Over 60 members of the National Guard were deployed in the City of Burlington and are assisting in emergency efforts, including monitoring traffic at the several streets and bridges that remain closed. The Guard and Racine County Human Services staff will be conducting health and well visits to the elderly, homebound, and vulnerable adults in the Burlington area. • We Energies – Restoring power to residents in the City of Burlington and Waterford • Racine County Human Services Department - emergency FoodShare

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Red Cross – water, shelter, meals • Central Racine County Health Department – www.crchd.com (health and safety information) • Impact 2-1-1 http://www.referweb.net/ipct/Search.aspx (disaster services) • Fire and EMS on scene today: Burlington, Racine, Caledonia, Mt Pleasant, Greenfield, Oak Creek
Road Closures	<p>The Burlington Overpass, Adams Street, East State Street/Adams Street Bridge, East Chestnut Street Bridge and Bridge Street are all now open. The Milwaukee Avenue Bridge will be open by 10:00 p.m. tonight (Friday). The Jefferson Street Bridge is still closed.</p>
Information Resources	<p>City of Burlington website at http://wi-burlington.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=468&ART=1745&ADMIN=1 Ready Wisconsin - http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/ DATCP - https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Homepage.aspx Central Racine County Health Department: http://crchd.com/</p>