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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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PRESS RELEASE UPDATE

- The Wisconsin River at Portage has crested and has started to drop and is now below flood stage.
- The Baraboo River is still going up and is forecast to crest tomorrow.
- The Neenah Creek has started to go down in the Menominee subdivision area. We should see the Neenah Creek and the Fox River start to go down in the area by CTH CM and Fox River Road in the next day or so.
- **SANDBAGS** and sand will be available to the public to fill at the Columbia County Highway Shop located at 338 West Old Highway 16, Wyocena, (East side of highway shop building in the parking lot). You will need to bring your own equipment to fill bags and a truck or trailer to haul them.
- **FLOOD CLEAN UP KITS** will be available to anyone who needs one at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 E. Cook Street, Portage. Please contact Columbia County Emergency Management at 608-742-4166 Ext. 1308 or 1309.
- **SUMP PUMPS** are available if needed by calling the Columbia County Emergency Management Office at 608-742-4166 Ext. 1308 or 1309.
- **FLOOD AWARENESS INFORMATION:** The Columbia County Health Department and State of Wisconsin links have many safety tips on flooding and food/water safety.

People can test their water if they are concerned, but if the area of the well is flooded or the casing is topped – it is recommended to let the water recede then test. Water Test Kits are available at the Columbia County Health & Human Services Building Door #4 located at 2652 Murphy Road, Portage during regular business hours.

<http://www.co.columbia.wi.us/columbiacounty/hhs/Divisions/PublicHealth/FloodHealthSafetyInformation/tabid/791/Default.aspx>

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p0/p00631.pdf>

Please be aware that the Emergency Slow no Wake restrictions on the Wisconsin River, Fox River, Big Slough, and Swan Lake are still in effect. This is to protect property from damage during the high water.

- If you have any questions or are in need of assistance, you may call (608) 742-4166 Ext. 1309.

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