



Flood Update

Chippewa River Update

Thursday, November 12, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

At 7:00 a.m., Thursday, November 12, 2015, the Chippewa River gauge at Grand Avenue in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, read 761.5, which is approximately eleven and one-half (11.5) feet below the flood stage gauge reading of 773.

The National Weather Service is forecasting the Chippewa River to crest with a gauge reading of 767.5 at Grand Avenue over the weekend, approximately five and one-half (5.5) feet below flood stage. At this gauge reading, some of the lower sections of the Chippewa River Trail behind the Hobbs Ice Arena and the Haas Fine Arts building near the University footbridge, as well as lower areas of Owen Park, will experience flooding. This crest projection may change based on actual precipitation in the upper Chippewa River watershed or due to operational activities by hydro-electric projects along the Chippewa River and its tributaries.

Flood waters can generate stronger faster currents. Extreme caution should be exercised by persons using the rivers for boating, canoeing, kayaking, shore-side fishing, tubing, swimming, wading, or activities near the water. Hazards involving high water levels, strong currents, floating or submerged wood debris or trees, and obscured pilings are present on the Chippewa River.

The City will continue to monitor the river closely and report information as it is obtained. Residents along or near the river are also asked to monitor nearby river conditions in order to have as much advanced warning of those changes. Information is available on the City web site at www.eauclairewi.gov and on the Public Works Message Line at (715) 839-6002. For further information about this news release or river elevations, please contact the City of Eau Claire, Department of Public Works at (715) 839-4934.

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