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**To:** All News Media

**From:** Evelyn M. Johnson, City Manager—City of Fort Atkinson, Fred Walling, Town of Koshkonong, Frank MiCale, Town of Sumner, Fire Chief Mike Reel

**CC:** WE Energies, Jefferson County Emergency Management, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department

**Re:** Flood Preparations

***For Immediate Release:*** A flood warning is now in place for Rock River, affecting areas in and around Fort Atkinson, WI. Current river levels are at 17.67 feet at the Robert Street Bridge, placing the Rock River in Moderate Flood stage.

The Advanced Hydrologic Prediction from the National Weather Service is predicting major flooding on the Rock River in the Fort Atkinson area on or before April 19<sup>th</sup>. River forecasts for this location take into account past precipitation and the precipitation amounts expected approximately 24 hours into the future from the forecast issuance time.

Power to all homes and businesses will be discontinued on Rock River Road when river levels reach 18.25 feet (expected to reach on April 20<sup>th</sup>). Power to all homes and businesses on Blackhawk Island, Lamp Road, and Willow Road will be discontinued when river levels reach 19 feet. River levels will be taken from the Robert Street Bridge gage. Homeowners in affected areas will need to make immediate arrangements for evacuation. The Red Cross Shelter is set up at the United Methodist Church in Fort Atkinson.

***Sand and sandbags are currently located at:***

**CITY OF FORT ATKINSON**

- Parking lot at the intersection of North Main Street and Frederick Avenue (D.B. Oaks property – formerly Thomas Industries)
- Intersection of East Milwaukee Avenue and Zida Street
- Parking lot at St. Paul's Church parking lot

**TOWN OF KOSHKONONG**

- Koshkonong Town Hall;
- Ox Bow Road (at Bingham's Point)
- Christie Court (near Blackhawk Island)
- Blackhawk Island Road (contact Prisk's)



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- Vinne HaHa (near boat launch)

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**TOWN OF OAKLAND**

- Oakland Town Hall

**TOWN OF HEBRON**

- Hebron Town Hall

**TOWN OF JEFFERSON**

- Residents can call Jaeckel Bros. for sand delivery and there are bags available at Chairman Don Bigelow's home at W5353 Curtis Mill Road.

**TOWN OF SUMNER**

- Sumner Town Hall; intersection of Olson Road and Lake Drive; High Ridge Road at North Shore Road; and at W7905 High Ridge Road.

**Volunteers are needed to fill sandbags at these sites and may show up at their convenience.**

***The following roads and services are closed:***

**City of Fort Atkinson**

Sinnissippi Drive

City of Fort Atkinson Compost Site

**Town of Koshkonong**

Bark River Rd from Rock River Rd to Kutz Rd

Rock River Rd

Vets Lane of of Blackhawk Island Rd.

Fox Hill Rd

Blackhawk Island Road at Bypass 26 Bridge

**Town of Sumner**

Blackhald Island Road at River Resort

Lamp Rd

Willow Rd



Danielson Rd, between HWY A and Rockdale Rd

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The transfer station on Klement Street has been opened Saturday from 8:00 AM to noon to dispose of already damaged household items at a reduced cost.

For more information regarding river levels, please visit: [goo.gl/AqwX0](http://goo.gl/AqwX0)

For more information regarding sandbags, road closures, and other flood related information visit: [www.fortatkinsonwi.net/flood.htm](http://www.fortatkinsonwi.net/flood.htm)