

NEWS RELEASE

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Yakima River Monday 6:45 a.m. update

Richland, Wash: The Yakima River has now receded below flood stage in Benton County. As of 6:30 a.m. Monday, the river as measured near Benton City was just above 11 feet. This is two feet below flood stage and 4.5 feet below the river's crest (highest level) Saturday evening.

During the coming week, there will be a focus on assessing property damage in the county. Later this morning, Benton County Emergency Services will provide forms on its web site that local residents and businesses can use to report personal property damage. This information will help justify a request for federal disaster assistance programs. Reporting the damages will not guarantee that homeowners or businesses will receive any compensation for their uninsured losses. Residents should advise their insurance agents of any property damage.

Additional information and resources are available on the Benton County Emergency Services website at www.bces.wa.gov.

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