

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Yakima River Sunday 4:45 p.m. update**

Richland, Wash: As of Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m., the Yakima River as measured in the Kiona-Benton City area in Benton County has receded to about 13.4 feet. Waters are continuing to fall slowly and are expected to fall below flood stage (13 feet) late Sunday night or early Monday morning.

Even though waters crested in Benton City at about 6:15 p.m. Friday, residents downstream did not see the crest until the early morning hours on Saturday. It takes nearly 10-12 hours for those levels to reach the West Richland area.

During the coming week, there will be a focus on assessing property damage in the county. Starting Monday, Benton County Emergency Services will provide forms on its web site that local residents and businesses can use to report personal property damage. Residents should also advise their insurance agents of property damage.

Continuing updates are available on the Benton County Emergency Services website at [www.bces.wa.gov](http://www.bces.wa.gov).

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