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MOUNT VERNON—Due to the severity of recent flood predictions, Mayor Boudreau has declared an emergency for the city of Mount Vernon.

The prediction of possible unprecedented river levels has forced the reduction of many normal City services to allow staff to respond to community, flood-related needs.

Flood protection measures (flood wall) has been deployed in downtown Mount Vernon and the Skagit Riverwalk and Plaza are closed.

Edgewater Park and Lions Park are closed.

Residents in the floodplain should take action over the next 24-48 hours to protect their homes, families, and property from floodwaters.

The City is anticipating the closure of the Hwy 538 bridge (Division Street, Westside Bridge) if and when the river level reaches 35' at the Riverside Gauge.

If you are in need of sandbags or other resources and aren't sure where to go, please contact Skagit County Department of Emergency Management at 360-416-1850.

Sandbags are available at Dike District 17, 121 Stewart Road or Mount Vernon Yard Waste facility, 409 West Fir.

Residents who may be curious about the river are being asked to stay clear of City crews who are tending to the floodwall.

Skagitonians throughout the County should also expect water over low-lying roadways. Practice "Turn Around - Don't Drown" and do not drive through water over the roadway. It can be

deeper and faster moving than anticipated and presents a risk to drivers.

For more emergency information, sign up for the [emergency information listserv](#), [CodeRed Alerts](#) or follow Skagit County on [Twitter](#) @SkagitGov.

The River Level Hotline (360-416-1404) and [www.skagitcounty.net/flood](http://www.skagitcounty.net/flood) are updated frequently during events with current conditions and can be resources for information as well.

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