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## Janesville officials are still working on flood damage assessments

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JANESVILLE — The city of Janesville is still working on assessing damage from Friday night's flooding, officials said.

Nick Faust, the assistant to the city manager said that they are currently working with multiple government agencies to assess the damage across the city.

"It's difficult because a lot of damage is inside buildings and facilities," he said. "We are encouraging people to report any damage to that 211 number so that we can utilize that to inform our response."

He said that there are numerous roads that have traffic lights that need to be fixed. A portion of Ruger Avenue, just beyond Pontiac by the Interstate-90 underpass, is covered in mud and debris, Faust said.

Faust said they don't have a lot of information on a reported train derailment at the Janesville Railroad Bridge over North Washington on the edge of the northwest city limits, as that is a multi agency project. However, Washington is still closed to the public as they continue to fix the track.

He said that the Palmer Drive Bridge near Mohawk in Palmer Park is still closed. The city will be inspecting it Tuesday.

"Friday's storm produced rainfall intensities well beyond

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## In Rock County, moderate flooding of Rock River predicted to set in for days



Afton resident Chris Rolander, right, carries sand as U.S. National Guard troops help him line his backyard with sandbags, creating a barrier between his home and Bass Creek, seen behind him. Rolander says Bass Creek, a Rock River tributary, has jumped 100 feet over its banks since last week, and has now come within 25 feet of his garage and home. The Rock River is predicted to cause moderate flooding for days later this week as the river crests at about 11 feet. following days of heavy rains. — Neil Johnson  
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AFTON — Rock County officials are bracing for several days of moderate flooding in parts of the county as the Rock River is predicted to rise to 11 feet at Afton by late this week — and remain pegged above 11 feet for days.

"It will have a long tail. It's going to stay up for a while, and it's not going to go down very quickly, and that's because all of the storms we've had in the region," Rock County Clerk Lisa Tollefson said.

Tollefson was handling communications on Monday as part of the county's Emergency Management team.

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## Flooding closes Janesville's Washington Elementary School for the week



A severe thunderstorm that brought extreme flash flooding to Janesville last Friday caused significant water damage to Washington Elementary, which will be closed through at least the end of this week.

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JANESVILLE — Washington Elementary School in Janesville will not have school this week after "considerable water damage" to the building after flash flooding from Friday's severe weather swamped the school.

Canceling school for

the rest of the week will allow district leadership to finalize transportation, nutrition and technology for students going.

The district hasn't given specific details, but a press release hinted it could be a long-term closure as it states that

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