



## NEWS ADVISORY

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### **City Crews Covering Storm Water and Potholes**

City of Missoula Streets crews are responding to standing water and slow or clogged storm water drains as well as repairing potholes through the weekend.

Residents can call the Street Maintenance Division at 552-6360 through the weekend to report standing water and blocked or slow storm drains, as well as potholes. Staff members are monitoring the phone line from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Pothole reporting is easy online – just two clicks. Visit [www.ci.missoula.mt.us](http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us) and click on AT YOUR SERVICE. Select Report a Pothole from the list. Crews make every attempt to respond to pothole reports with repairs within 24 hours.

Pothole work is focusing first on the major streets that carry the most traffic at highest speeds.

Parks and Recreation has the following advisory:

Portions of the Riverfront Trail east of Orange Street are flooded and there are reports of minor standing water in other locations throughout the City's trail system. Short detours on the Riverfront Trail are in place at this time for a section that is holding significant water.

Cyclists and runners are urged to use caution when encountering standing and running water on the trail system. Water over paths reduces visibility of the tread and reduced traction. Areas of standing water have the potential to hold ice and debris. Bikers should slow down to avoid slips or falls.

Parks & Recreation reminds all trail users that unpaved paths should be avoided during wet and muddy conditions to protect the tread surface, minimize erosion, and avoid widening trails.

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