

What's Happening with the Wolf River in New London?

As Spring approaches, the water level of the Wolf and Embarrass Rivers increase due to melting snow and run-off from the Spring rain. River levels annually rise to around 10 feet as measured on the USGS Gauge in New London. At that level there is normally flooding into the yards of properties along the Wolf River and possibly some minor street flooding West of N. Shawano Street. At 11.1 feet it is considered a major flooding event, which last happened in 1979 when the level reached 11.83 feet.

As of March 15, 2019, the gauge reading was 6.41 and the forecasted crest of the River is listed at 9.1 feet for March 17th and then forecasted to recede to about 8 feet by March 22nd.

The following website shows an updated level of the Wolf River gauge located just West of the Pearl Street bridge: <https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=grb&gage=neww3>

As the water level rises, the City of New London has several actions that take place. They are at:

7.0 feet – slow no wake buoys are placed in the River

8.5 feet – sand and sand bags are available at the City Garage, 1306 W. North Water Street. You will need to fill your own.

9.5 feet – filled sand bags will be available at the City Garage, 1306 W. North Water Street

The City of New London and Waupaca County Emergency Management will be monitoring the water level and taking the appropriate actions as the conditions change.