

# City of McPherson

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## PRESS RELEASE

May 27, 2021

### Storm Update and Reminders

McPherson – The City of McPherson is working diligently to clear roadways and assess damage from yesterday's storms. We ask for the public's patience and understanding while we work.

Limbs and branches from private property will not be disposed of by the City. Limbs, trees, and other items located on the right of ways are the responsibility of the property owner for which they came.

We anticipate roofing contractors from outside the area to come out door to door to offer wind and hail damage assessments, please make sure they are properly licensed through the City and the State. Any contractor or vendor that is going door to door must be licensed through the City to do so. If you have questions regarding the licensing of a contractor or vendor, please reach out to the City at (620) 245-2535.

Also, remember leaves, limbs, and other greenery must be properly disposed within a reasonable time frame. Please DO NOT sweep or blow anything into the storm drains or streets. This causes clogging and backups that may cause additional flooding during rain events. Dispose of these items at the McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility located at 1431 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. They are open until 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday through Friday, and open 8:00 am – 4:00 pm on Saturday.

Please also see the attached press release from the Fire Department.

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## CITY OF MCPHERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## PRESS RELEASE

The City of McPherson Fire Department has completed 7 vehicular water rescues in less than a 24-hour period due to the flooding from May 26, 2021. We cannot emphasize enough the dangers of driving into a flooded roadway.

Your vehicle could get stuck, the engine could stall, it could be swept into the current or even worse. More than half of flood-related drownings occur when someone drives into hazardous water and 12 inches of water can move a vehicle. Plus, there is the possibility of electrocution from a downed power line that is in the water.

Simply put, if you encounter a roadway that has water running across it, do not take the chance of trying to cross it.

**TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!**



