

Rhine River Flood Water

What we usually perceive as an idyllic scenario - the city of Bonn extending along the banks of the river Rhine - may well become a peril to life one day. Riparian owners do not only tell of the romantic stream, but of its threatening characteristics that become clearly perceptible every now and then. High water marks in 1993 and 1995 respectively were 10 meters above Bonn's regular water level – which meant dramatic hours for local residents.

Below, please find comprehensive information on what to do in case of flood water.

If you need help, call one of the following numbers:

Bonn Fire Department 0228-717 5, 0228-717 0

Bonn Police Department 0228-15 0

River Police 0228-15 14 10 or 0228-15 14 11

In case of **emergency**, call 112 for the Fire Department and Rescue Service, and 110 for the Police Department.

Water marks, forecasts and general information may be obtained via

Internet

<http://pegel.bonn.de/php/rhein.html> (Rhine water mark for the city of Bonn – updated every 15 minutes)

<http://www.hochwasser-rlp.de/karte/uebersicht/flussgebiet/rhein/teilgebiet/mittelrhein> (flood report for the Middle Rhine)

<http://www.hochwasser-rlp.de/karte/uebersicht/flussgebiet/rhein/teilgebiet/mittelrhein> (flood map for Bonn's city area)

Telephone

Water and Shipping Authority hotline 0228-19 429 (recorded message)

Bonn Fire Department hotline 0228-717 5

Radio

Regular announcements by the local radio stations: Radio Bonn/Rhein-Sieg, WDR 2, SWR 3, RPR 1

TV

Teletext on WDR and SWR TV channels

Need to contact your energy provider? Need sandbags?

Electricity

Bonn and Hardtberg city districts:

Stadtwerke Bonn

Energie- und Wasserversorgung Bonn/Rhein-Sieg GmbH

Welschnonnenstraße 4

53111 Bonn

Telephone: 0228-71 11

Beuel and Bad Godesberg city districts:

Westnetz GmbH

Bergeiststraße 15

50389 Wesseling

Telephone: 0800-4112 244 or 71 11

Gas

All city districts:

Stadtwerke Bonn

Energie- und Wasserversorgung Bonn/ Rhein.Sieg GmbH

Telephone: 0228-71 11

Gas high-pressure pipelines:

Open-Grid-Europe GmbH

Auf dem Romert 18

53604 Bad Honnef

02224-97 90

District Heat

Stadtwerke Bonn

Energie- und Wasserversorgung Bonn/ Rhein-Sieg GmbH

Telephone: 0228-71 11

Water

All city districts, except for Holzlar and Hoholz

Stadtwerke Bonn

Energie- und Wasserversorgung Bonn/ Rhein-Sieg GmbH

Telephone: 0228-71 11

Holzlar:

Wasserversorgungs-GmbH St. Augustin

Telephone: 02241-23 30

Hoholz:

Wasserbeschaffungsverband Thomasberg

Telephone: 02241-92 19 0, 02241-92 19 33

Miscellaneous

Waste

Garbage cans will be emptied prior to the flood wave and should be kept in a safe place afterwards.

Sandbags

While sandbag damming may not be the optimum solution, it may help to keep the water back for a while. Sandbags may be obtained / may be filled at the following locations:

Beuel city district: in front of the district town hall (Rathaus Beuel)

Bad Godesberg / Mehlem districts: Fire Brigade Meckenheimer Straße
(Feuerwehrhaus Bad Godesberg / Mehlem)

Graurheindorf city district: Playground Estermannstraße / An der Rheindorfer Burg
(Spielplatz Graurheindorf)