



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District *of* Greater Chicago

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4:30 p.m. Storm Update

As rain continues to fall throughout the Chicagoland area, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD's) Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP), which is comprised of three systems, continues to operate as designed.

The tunnels and reservoirs are holding more than 6.78 billion gallons of water. The current status of all TARP tunnels and reservoirs includes:

Kirie TARP Status

The Kirie TARP system is comprised of the Kirie Tunnel and Majewski Reservoir.

Kirie Tunnel is 11% full = 7.9 Million Gallons (MG)

Majewski Reservoir = 0% full

McCook TARP Status

The McCook TARP system is comprised of the Mainstream Tunnel, Des Plaines Tunnel, and McCook Reservoir.

Mainstream Tunnel is 98.5% full = 1.16 Billion Gallons (BG)

Des Plaines Tunnel is 24.4% full = 100.98 MG

McCook Reservoir is 90% full = 3.23 BG

Calumet TARP Status

The Calumet TARP system is comprised of the Calumet Tunnel and Thornton Composite Reservoir.

Calumet Tunnel is 76% full = 480 MG

Thornton Composite Reservoir is 23% full = 1.8 BG

Before severe storms, the MWRD lowers the levels of the Chicago Area Waterway System. We are working around the clock to manage the excess water coming into our seven water reclamation plants. As part of the continuing Overflow Action Alert, we encourage the public to reduce their use of water during rain events; wait to run the dishwasher, shower and/or do the laundry.

<https://mwr.org/july-12-storm-update>

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Established in 1889, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois. Learn more at mwr.org.