

McBain Camera employee Joel Koop shows the damage caused to the Kingsway Garden Mall store by Friday's flooding.



Cleanup is underway at Kingsway Garden Mall after a water main burst Friday afternoon.

Kingsway stores flooded

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Part of Kingsway Garden Mall was under water Friday afternoon after a water main burst.

The rupture occurred around 1 p.m. on the south-east side of the mall's lower level, affecting about 20% of the mall's stores, said spokeswoman Natalie Shewchuk.

"It was super-duper flooding," said Mio Dunwald, who works at Garage Clothing Co.

Another mall employee, who wished to remain anonymous, witnessed water pouring out of mall doors Friday afternoon and had to remove her shoes to get to work.

Crews worked vigorously to clean the mess. "Our main

focus is to get everything up and running for (Saturday). We have all hands on deck," said Shewchuk.

"We've brought in cleaning staff from other malls — I'd say there's (around) 50 people."

Shewchuk said a couple inches of water covered the area but the food court was not affected.

Witnesses reported seeing large pools of water in a nearby parkade, making driving difficult, if not impossible.

Though the mall remained open for the day, the flooded area was closed to the public.

Business is expected to run as usual Saturday and an investigation is being launched to pinpoint what caused the rupture.