

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

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Say 'Good Bye' to Sand and Sandbags

The RDOS is offering to remove sandbags and flood debris from **rural and residential lots** in the RDOS, local First Nations lands, and the Crown foreshore adjacent. All you have to do is register and a strong labour force will come and remove them for you!

An RDOS contractor will remove sand and sand bags from residential properties. In order for the contractor to access private lands, a consent form must be signed and submitted prior to the contractor entering the premise. The registration consent form is available on our web site under the 2017 Emergency Operations Centre link or at the RDOS Main Office, 101 Martin St, Penticton. You can submit them back to RDOS Emergency Operations Center at eocops1@rdos.bc.ca or 101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC V2A 5J9. In addition, a flood recovery letter with forms is being mailed to foreshore residents in the region. But, you don't have to wait to receive it to register.

A staged tentative schedule below:

Osoyoos Lake – July 25 to July 28

Okanagan Lake

- Naramata – July 31 to August 4
- Rural Summerland – August 7 to August 9
- Red Wing - August 9 to 11

Any stockpiled sand remaining in neighbourhoods is free for the taking. It just must not end up in the lake or in any water bodies.

Note: Sand is not the natural shoreline and it is an offence to dump sand in or adjacent to the lake or water bodies.

Got Dock Debris and Flotsam Piling Up?

The RDOS is also helping to remove unsecured unnatural flood debris like dock fragments, floats and other large items as a result of high water. The consent form covers both sandbags and dock debris. Landowners that have broken docks or unnatural debris and wish to have it removed through this program will need to identify the items to be removed with flagging tape. Only dock and related loose materials will be removed.

- Okanagan Lake East Shoreline – July 31 to August 4
- Okanagan Lake West Shoreline. August 7 to August 11

We are all ready to be rid of the remnants of the flood and to clean up flood debris on the foreshore responsibly. Join in and have it all removed – at no cost.

For more information please visit www.rdos.bc.ca or email info@rdos.bc.ca
Or call the Emergency Operations Centre at 250-490-4225

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