

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

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Sand, Sandbags and Debris Removal Update

The RDOS sandbag and flood debris removal process is well underway. An amazing 93,000 sandbags have been registered for pick-up! Thanks to hard working crews about 40% have been removed to date.

RDOS Community Services, Parks Coordinator, Justin Shuttleworth explains, "It is a challenging undertaking, with crews working very hard in sometimes difficult conditions. The smoke, the temperature, and access challenges have made the progress a bit slower than originally anticipated. Therefore, we have altered the schedule to better reflect the reality."

The 'debris removal' component of the recovery process is also underway. Crews will be working to the same schedule alongside sandbag removal crews.

The amended schedule for remaining sand, sandbag and debris removal:

- Naramata: August 4 – 18 (an additional week added)
- Rural Summerland: August 17 to 25
- Red Wing: Aug 25 - 31

A reminder: Any stockpiled sand remaining in neighbourhoods is free for the taking. Sand must not end up in the lake or in any water bodies. Sand is not the natural shoreline and it is an offence to dump sand in or adjacent to the lake or water bodies.

RDOS Emergency Operations Centre Update

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