

Sandbag Disposal Handout



Requirements for Used Sandbag Disposal

Sand or sandbags that have come into contact with only precipitation, but not floodwater, are normally considered to be not contaminated and can be reused without restriction. Potential reuses include flower beds, snow and ice control, or as base for paving blocks.

Sand or sandbags that have been in contact with flood water should not be reused in ways that would involve direct human contact, such as sand boxes, gardens or playgrounds.

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Waste disposal after a flood needs to be communicated and addressed to ensure proper handling. By blocking the water flow, both the bag and the sand can become contaminated with sewage, pathogens, and chemicals from the floodwater.

DO NOT dump sandbags in creeks, rivers, canals, ditches, roadway gutters, or storm drain inlets.

Due to the degradation of the sandbag material in the sun, it is imperative that sandbags are not sitting out for an extended period of time. If there is not an active flood threat, the sandbags need to be removed and properly disposed of. In addition, they cannot block floodways and floodplains since this could lead to further flooding complications.

Check with Grantsville City Public Works for possible disposal sites.

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