

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN



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COUNTY TO ASSIST TOWNS WITH SANDBAG REMOVAL

Rock County, in cooperation with the Towns of Fulton, Milton, Janesville, and Rock, request residents of the four Towns deliver unneeded, filled sandbags to centrally located collection areas. The Rock County DPW will take responsibility for disposing of the sand bags by delivering them to an approved landfill.

The following locations will be open to accept sandbags as of July 9, 2008:

- Town of Fulton & Town of Milton: Rock County Highway Garage at the northeast corner of Sherman Road and State Highway 59 west of the Interstate 90/39 overpass.
- Town of Janesville: Behind the Rock County DPW Garage at 3715 Newville Road.
- Town of Rock: Old Airport Road, former access to the Airport from the south off of Happy Hollow Road.
- Indianford County Park (east of the Rock River only): at the intersection of County Roads F&M.

Signs will be erected at each site designating the drop-off locations. Users are asked to stack the discarded bags as much as possible to help assure that as many bags can be deposited as possible. The sites will not be staffed continuously, so cooperation on stacking the bags is essential. These sites will be open to accept sand and sandbags ONLY through August 18, 2008.

It is important to note that these sites ARE NOT to be used for the collection or deposit of any debris or trash, including furniture, household goods, or other items damaged in the flood event. Such debris must be collected through each Town's normal garbage collection process, or other process established by each Town. Additional information on the collection of such debris will be forthcoming from each Town.

During the recent flood, the Rock County Departments of Public Works and Emergency Management provided sand and sandbags to residents and volunteers at multiple locations throughout the County. Residents and volunteers filled more than 260,000 sandbags, which remain on-site in shoreland and floodplain areas. Federal and State law, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regulations, and County ordinances prohibit the permanent deposit of sand, sandbags, or other fill in the shoreland or floodplain areas. Further directions are provided at the County Website regarding the disposal of sand and sandbags.

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