



4.03 LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBRIS REMOVAL GUIDELINES

4.03.1 BACKGROUND

The 2017 freshet event resulted in significant flooding to numerous parts of southern British Columbia, specifically around the Okanagan Valley and surrounding areas. The flooding caused damage to infrastructure, homes, businesses, agriculture and natural water systems and has led to significant debris scattered throughout the region.

4.03.2 DEBRIS REMOVAL REIMBURSEMENT

In recognition of the scope and scale of this event, Emergency Management BC (EMBC) will be providing financial support to Local Governments in addition to the regular response and recovery assistance outlined in the Compensation and Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation.

4.03.3 Table 1

Type of debris eligible for reimbursement as part of response costs (i.e. 100%):

Table with 2 columns: Debris Type, Example. Rows include: Natural debris beached on public land, Human-made debris beached on public land, Human-made debris floating in the lake, Empty polypropylene sandbag sacks, Tipping Fees.



4.03.4 Table 2

Type of debris **NOT** eligible for reimbursement:

Debris Type	Example
Natural debris beached on private land	Large woody debris on waterfront property
Natural debris floating in the lake	Large woody debris floating in the water
Tipping Fees	If incurred at a facility operated by the same local government from which the debris was collected, or if waived

4.03.4 Authority

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4.03.5 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- (1) Financial Assistance for Emergency Response and Recovery Costs – A Guide for BC Local Authorities and First Nations
- (2) 4.02 Interim Provision of Sandbags Policy