

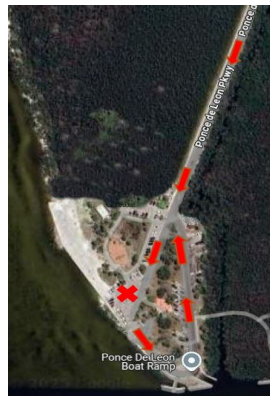


City of Punta Gorda Hurricane Preparation - Sandbags and Disposal Guidelines




Sandbag Availability

Sandbags are provided exclusively to Punta Gorda residents **only** when a storm is expected to impact the area. Residents are limited to 10 bags per household. The sandbag distribution site is located at 3400 Ponce de Leon Parkway. All residents will be required to provide proof of residency—such as a Driver’s License, Utility Bill, or similar documentation—at the first checkpoint located at Marion Court and Ponce de Leon Parkway.

Once residency is confirmed, residents will be directed to proceed through the designated and signed-off area of the park.



Stay informed on distribution times, locations, and limits through the following official sources. Information will be available through the resources below.

-  **City Website:** [City of Punta Gorda, FL | Home](https://www.cityofpungorda.com/)
-  **Facebook:** [City of Punta Gorda - Government | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CityofPuntaGorda)
-  **Public Works Department:** 941-575-5050

Sandbag Reuse and Disposal in Florida

Sandbags that have **not been contaminated by floodwater** can be safely:

- Reused for future storm events
- Repurposed by spreading the clean sand on lawns or landscape beds

If you choose to dispose of sandbags:

- Empty the sand onto your property, away from storm drains and waterways
- Dispose of empty bags at a solid waste facility located in Charlotte County

Reusing Clean Sandbags

- Storage & Reuse: Store unused, uncontaminated sandbags in a cool, out of sunlight, dry location to avoid deuteriation (indoors or under cover) for reuse during hurricane season (June 1 – November 30)
- Disposing of Clean Sand: Spread clean sand on lawns or landscaped areas to benefit vegetation
- Empty Bag Disposal: Once emptied, place bags in your regular trash cart ☹ Do not place bags in recycling bins

Proper Disposal of Contaminated Sandbags

Sandbags exposed to floodwater must be handled with care to protect health and the environment:

- Follow Local Guideline: Contaminated sandbags should be taken to an approved disposal site. Charlotte County Landfill will provide designated drop-off dates, times, and locations, posted on the [Charlotte County Website](#)
- Use Protective Gear: Always wear gloves and eye protection when handling or emptying contaminated sandbags
- Protect Waterways ☹ Do not dump sand into canal systems or other waterways
- Do Not Use Regular Waste Services
 - Do not place sand or full sandbags in household trash or yard waste bins
 - Do not place sandbags in recycling carts
 Sand can damage waste collection equipment
- No Illegal Dumping: ☹ Do not dump sandbags on private property or unauthorized locations. Violations may result in fines or enforcement actions.

For questions or more information, contact the Public Works Department at 941-575-5050.

Stay safe and prepared this hurricane season.