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Removing Hazardous Objects From Riverbanks

- Attempt to secure hazardous materials prior to moving the object
 - Check for leaks and seal or empty tanks or containers
 - If tanks have been flooded the contents *may* have already been displaced by water
- Work from the top of the bank whenever possible
- Remove debris blocking access to object
- Whenever possible lift the object rather than drag it up the bank
- When dragging is the only option:
 - If the bank is not already damaged:
 - if material is available to protect the riverbank such as mulch, matting or woody debris, lay this over the bank and drag the object over it
 - cover any newly exposed soil with mulch hay and seed, if this is not possible, temporarily cover with small stone
 - If the bank is already damaged (as after flood scour):
 - drag the object over the bank with as little damage as possible
 - cover any newly exposed soil with mulch hay and seed, if this is not possible, temporarily cover with small stone for later seeding
- Dig up and contain all contaminated soil for removal
- Report the hazardous material and objects to the DEC Spill Response Team along with details of the location of the site:

Phone Numbers			
Office Hours Reporting	24 Hour Reporting	National Response Center	FAX
802 241-3888	800 641-5005	800 424-8802	(802) 241-3296

Objects with the potential to be hazardous include:

- Cars
- Fuel tanks
- Storage Barrels
- Septic tanks
- Batteries