



# Sandbags

Sandbags are a simple, and sometimes effective solution to protect your home or business from minor flooding, by diverting water flow away from your property.

- ◇ The bags, typically burlap or polypropylene, are designed to be filled with sand, to protect openings in your home from water intrusion.

*Surrounding your home with sandbags is not recommended, as it could trap water within the protected area, doing more harm than good; the focus should be on diverting water.*

- ◇ If your property has a history of flooding, you are encouraged to purchase and maintain a year round supply of sandbags, to adequately protect your home.
- ◇ Sandbags can be found through most hardware stores and a variety of online retailers.

## Use

- ◇ **Filling:**

The filling process should involve at least two people

Sandbags should be filled approximately ½ full; leaving enough room to tie the bag, or fold over the top. You should expect the bags to weigh up to 40 pounds once filled

- ◇ **Stacking:**

A water proof barrier, such as a tarp should be placed under and behind the stacked bags.

Bags should be stacked no more than 3 layers high; unless placed in a pyramid (width 3x the height) or up against a structure.

## Disposal

- ◇ It is recommended that clean bags always be kept for a future flood event.
- ◇ It is your responsibility to properly dispose of unwanted sand bags

**DO NOT PUT FILLED SANDBAGS IN YOUR GARBAGE OR AT THE CURB FOR DISPOSAL.**

- ◇ **Uncontaminated bags**

If sandbags are clean, but breaking down, you may empty the sand into your yard and dispose of the empty bag in your regular trash.

- ◇ **Contaminated bags**

If your bags show signs of contamination (oil, chemicals, sewage, etc.), please contact the appropriate household hazardous waste provider and inquire as to the appropriate procedures to dispose of contaminated sand.

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