

What do I need to know about sandbags?

Sandbags help direct flowing water around property. Here are a few tips for using sandbags:

- Fill bags only half full.
- Fold over the empty top of the bag to prevent sand from leaking out.
- Place each bag over the folded top of the preceding bag and press each bag into place before placing the next bag.
- Always finish one complete layer of sandbags before starting the next layer.
- Stagger second layer of bags, pressing each bag into place before placing on the next bag.

Sandbags have no effect - or very little - with standing water. Also, they cannot be prepared too far in advance because they can rot.

Allow plenty of time to fill them and place them – recommended to take place 24-48 hours before a storm for maximum effectiveness.

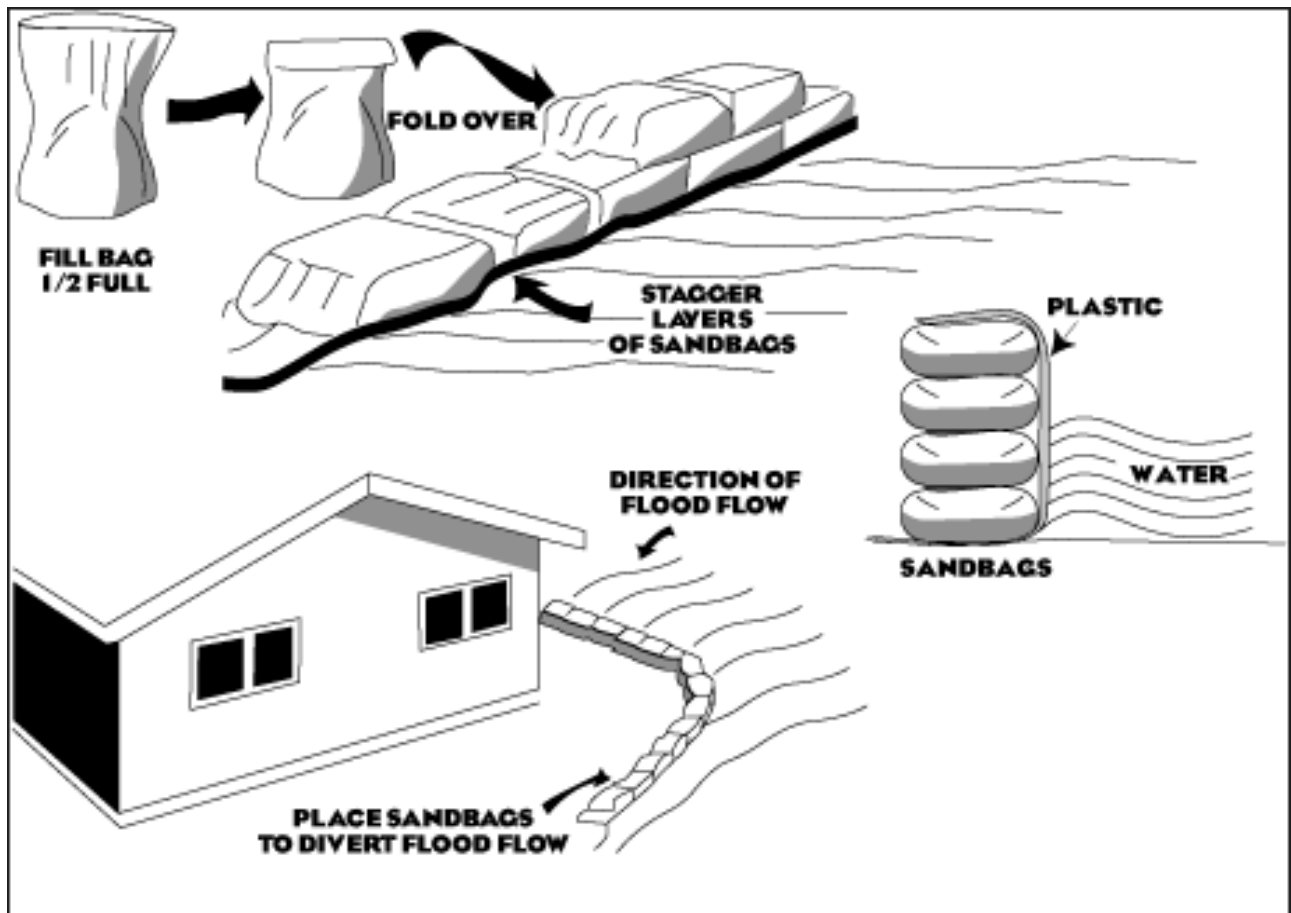


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