

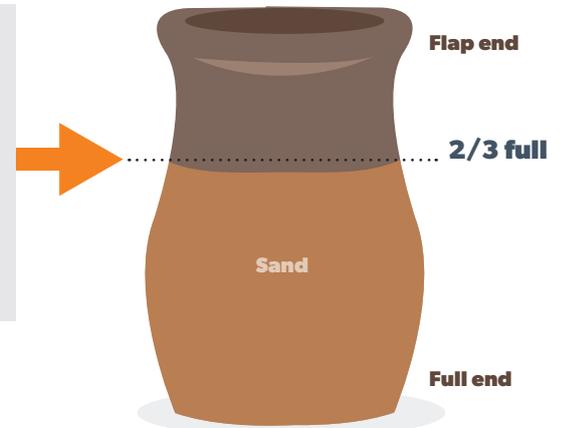


Sandbagging

Sandbags won't stop the water completely, but can reduce the amount of water entering your home.

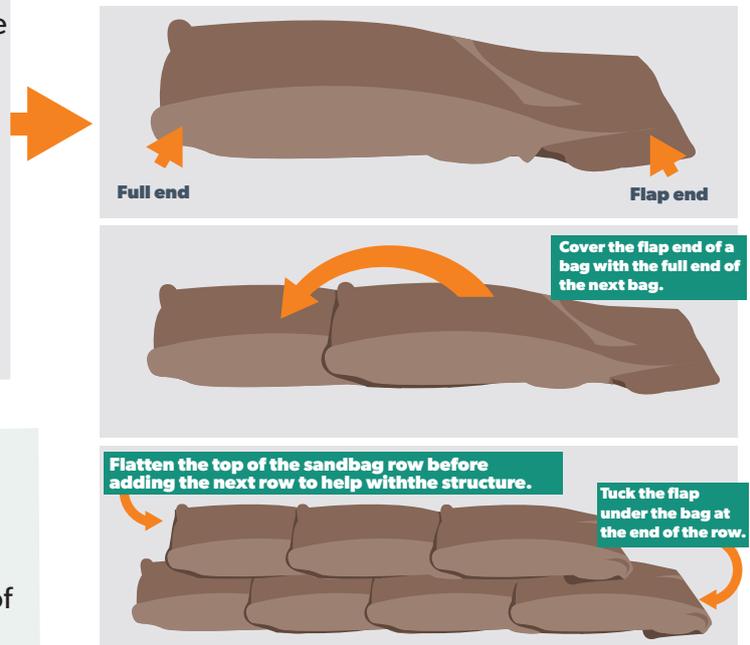
How do I fill a sandbag?

- Only use sand to fill hessian bags. Do not use dirt.
- Only fill sandbag two-thirds full.
- Do not over fill the sandbag as it will be too heavy to carry.
- Do not tie the top of the sandbag.
- Take care when filling and lifting the sandbag, to avoid injury.



How do I lay sandbags?

- Lay sandbags like brickwork. Stagger rows so that the joins do not line up.
- Start at one end and work to the other end.
- Ensure the unfilled part of the bag is covered by the next bag.
- Tuck flap under the bag at the end of the row.
- If the sandbag wall is going to be more than five (5) bags high, you will need to lay two (2) rows wide.



Where do I place the sandbags?

- Place sandbags in plastic bags to cover drainage holes in home (e.g. showers, toilets, sinks) to stop back flow of water.
- Place a small wall across doorways, at least the height of the expected water level. Be careful not to trap yourself inside.
- If available, plastic sheeting may be used under sandbags to reduce the seepage.

Block it

Toilets, bath and all drain holes



Plastic Sheeting



What do I do once I have finished with the sandbags?

- Sturdy gloves should be worn when handling wet sandbags as they can contain chemicals, waste and diseases.
- Sandbags that have been in contact with floodwater need to be thrown away.
- Contact your local council to find out how to dispose of your sandbags safely.





Plan to stay dry



Check how high

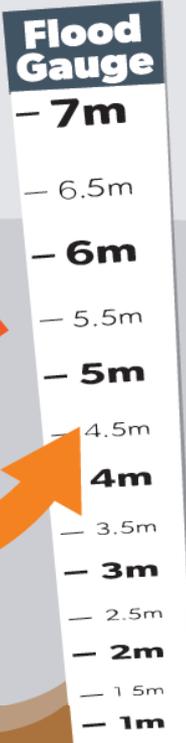
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- Major** (Red box with double exclamation mark icon)
- Moderate** (Orange box with exclamation mark icon)
- Minor** (Yellow box with lowercase 'i' icon)

Know what to do in a flood.

- Bag it**: With sandbags (near a door)
- Block it**: Toilets, bath and all drain holes (near a toilet and drain)
- Lift it**: Furniture and valuables (near a desk with a computer and chair)
- Never drive in floodwater**: (near a car in floodwater)
- Plastic Sheeting**: (near a door)
- Place sandbags in plastic bags to cover drainage holes**: (near a drain)
- Turn off the gas and electricity**: (near a gas burner and electrical plug icons)