Sandbags: Where to get them and how to use them

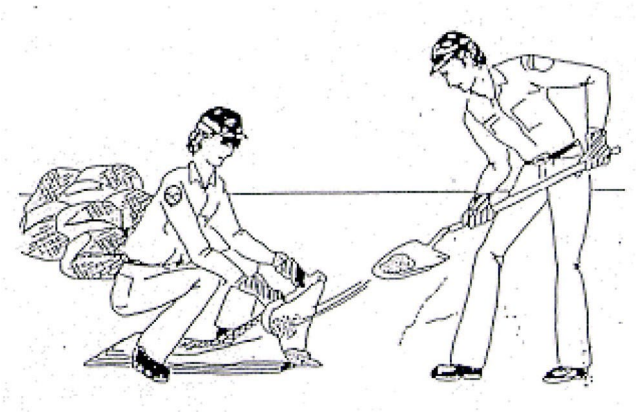
To help the community prepare for possible flooding, the Town will have sandbags and sand available until supplies last.
Additional Sandbag Filling Locations can be found at Sandbags - Sonoma County Emergency and Preparedness Information

Windsor Sandbag Filling Location

Public Works – Corporation Yard, 8400 Windsor Road

*Sandbag self-fill stations consist of sand and bags. Sandbags are not pre-assembled, take only what you need.
*Bring your own shovel, gloves, and have a partner to assist in filling the sandbag.
*The sandbags and sand are available while supplies last.

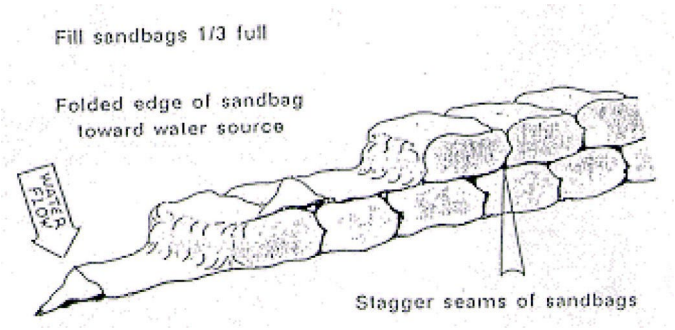
How to fill and stack sandbags



When filling sandbags you should work in pairs, with one person holding the bag while the other shovels in the fill material.

- The first shovel of fill will be placed on the lip of the bag to help hold the bag open.
- The bag holder should bend at the waist until the elbows are resting on the knees while he is holding the bag open.
- The shoveler should use rounded scoops of fill until the bag is approximately 1 /3 full.
- While shoveling, avoid extra movements (turning or twisting of the back) as this will tire you out sooner.

Sandbag Construction



The use of sandbags is a simple but effective method of preventing or reducing damage from water or debris. Suggestions for construction sandbags follow:

1. Close-weave burlap bags are recommended for all sandbag construction.
2. Fold over the empty top of the bag in a triangle to keep sand from leaking.
3. Place each bag over the folded top of the preceding bag and stomp into place the next layer of bags.
4. Stagger the second layer of bags, stomping each bag into place before placing the next.
5. Stomp each successive layer of bags.

Walls made of lumber or sandbags can be constructed to channel the mud and debris away from any improvements.