



Office Of Emergency Services

SANDBAG POLICY

County of Tuolumne Sandbag Policy

To mitigate against the affect of sever rain storms and/or flooding situations Tuolumne County will distribute sandbags to county residents and business once a local emergency declaration has been issued. Before this time, it is incumbent upon residents and business to get their own sandbags. They can be purchased at any of the local hardware stores.

Sandbags will be distributed utilizing the following policy:

1. Once a local State of emergency has been declared and there is a need for sandbags, the County will establish sandbag distribution points throughout the county as needed. These distribution points will be well known facilities which have easy ingress and egress.
2. Once sandbag distribution points have been selected and the supplies and staff are in place then the location as to where and get sandbags will be released to the media and public.
3. Emergency personnel will staff the sandbagging distribution points throughout the emergency period.
4. When you arrive at the sandbagging distribution location you will be asked the following information: name, address, and number of bags requesting.
5. Emergency personnel will assist you in filling and loading the sandbags into your vehicle.
6. Residents will be given a maximum of 20 bags and business owners a maximum of 30 bags. If a request is made for more than the recommended allotment then an inspection of the threatened site(s) may be made by emergency personnel. Additional sandbags and other resources will be deployed as needed.
7. Upon the termination of the emergency the media and the public will be notified of the closure of the sandbagging distribution points.

Filling, Stacking and Placing Sandbags Emergency Storm Preparation

FILLING SANDBAGS:

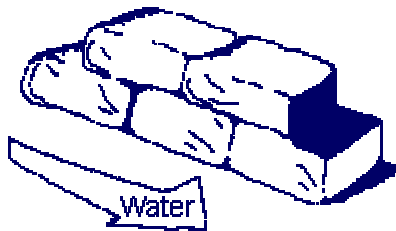


Fill sandbags one-half full. Sand is suggested if readily available, however, sand is not mandatory and soil may be used.

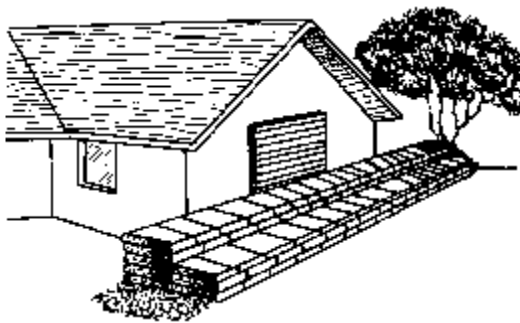


Fold top of sandbag down and rest the bag on its folded top.

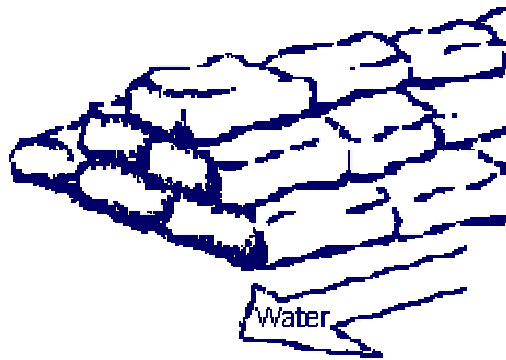
STACKING SANDBAGS:



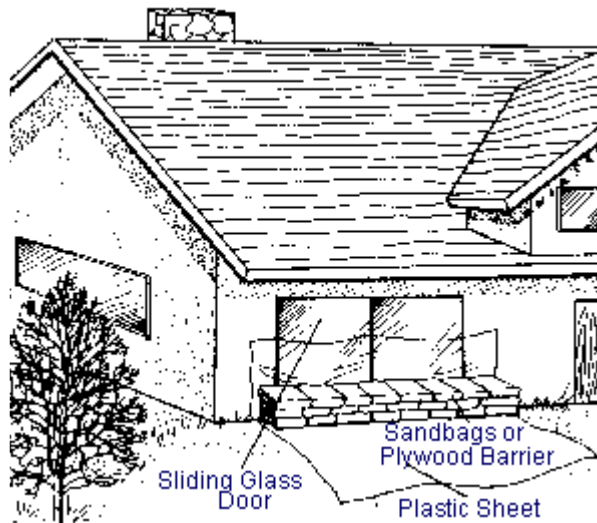
Care should be taken to stack the sandbags in accordance with the illustration (left). Place each sandbag as shown, completing each layer before starting the next layer.



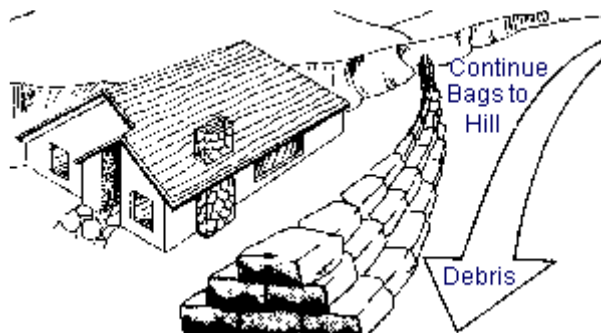
Limit placement to two layers unless a building is used as a backing (left) or sandbags are pyramided as shown below.



PLACING SANDBAGS TO DIVERT WATER AND DEBRIS



Sealing a Sliding Glass Door



Directing Debris Away From Buildings

Clear rain gutters, catch basins and drainage ditches of all leaves and other items that could keep water from draining properly.

If you think you may need sand bags get them ahead of time at your local hardware store and ask how to properly use them to avoid creating more of a problem than help.