

HASTINGS

*Centre Hastings*

COUNTY

**ARE YOU**

**PREPARED?**

4 out of 5 homes are ruined  
due to unexpected floods yearly.

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## SANDBAG LOCATION

YOU WILL  
REQUIRE A  
SHOVEL

The Municipality of Centre Hastings  
has sandbags available for residence  
in case of flooding.

LOCATED AT:

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# FLOODING



Sandbags placed in appropriate locations in and around your home can help minimize the impact of flooding. While they will not stop the water completely, sandbags can help reduce the amount of water entering your home and damaging your property if they are used correctly.





# SANDBAGGING



While filling and laying sandbags is a straightforward process, filled sandbags can weigh between 15-20 kilograms so you may need at least two people to lay them safely.





## HOW TO FILL A SAND BAG?

Sand is the best option to fill the sandbags. Use garden soil if sand is not readily available.

- Do not overfill sandbags.

- Do not tie the top of the bag.

- Only fill sandbags two-thirds full. This allows the sand to shift about inside the bag, lie flat, and mould to fill in any gaps





## WHERE DO I PLACE THE SANDBAGS?

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Place sandbags over all wastewater drains, including toilets, showers and sinks, to prevent greywater entering your home.

Wrapping these sandbags in a plastic bag before using them this way is also a good idea.

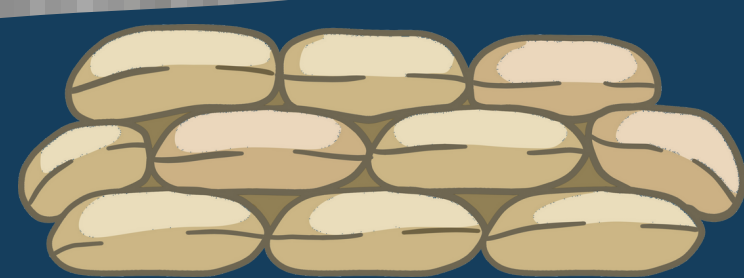
Air vents at the bottom of your home's external wall may also need sandbags. You can cover smaller vents with waterproof tape or plastic



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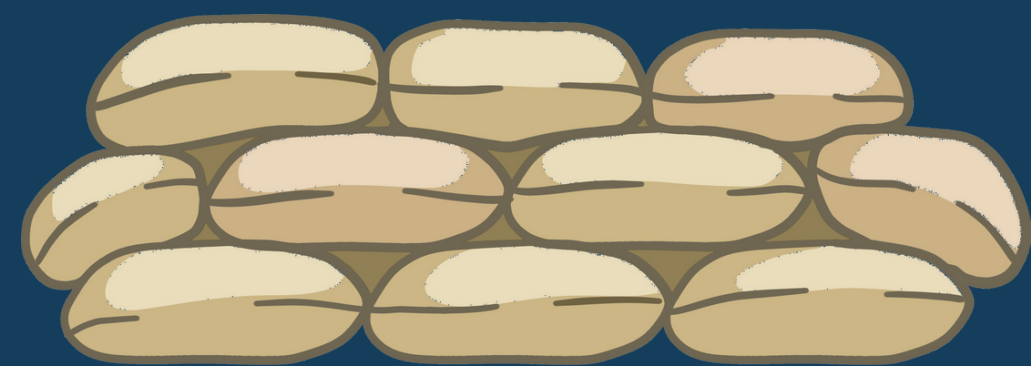


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Build a small sandbag wall across external doorways. This includes sliding doors and garage roller doors. The height of the sandbag wall will depend on the expected height of the floodwater; however, it is generally around two sandbag rows high.



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## HOW DO I LAY SANDBAGS?

- Lay sandbags as you would lay bricks, offsetting the rows so the gaps between the sandbags are staggered. It is best to offset each row by half a sandbag .
- Start at one end and work through to the other end. • Tuck the flap under each sandbag and at the end of the row.
- Flattening the top of the sandbag wall before adding the next row will help you to build a more stable sandbag wall.

