



## Proper Use of Sandbags

- ❑ Filling sandbags is a two-person operation. Bags should be filled from one-half to two-thirds of their capacity for best stacking
- ❑ Sandbags are intended to defend homes and structures in their immediate vicinity. Sandbags are not intended to prevent water from coming onto property or be placed in yards or city streets – this may divert water onto a neighbor's property or other important areas!

### HOW TO FILL A SANDBAG



- ❑ Examples of proper sandbag use:



Lining bottom of front, back, side, or garage doors

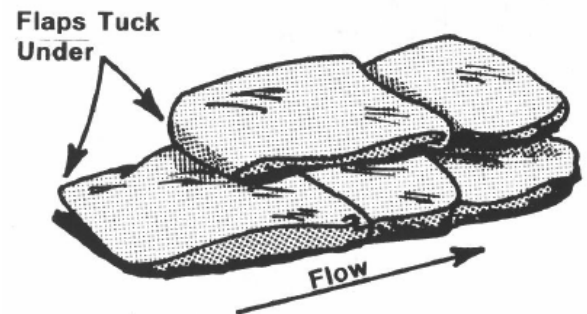


Plastic tarps between structures and sandbags can help keep floodwater from seeping (Credit: Santa Clara Valley Water District)



In front of vents or windows near the foundation of buildings  
(Note: Sealing foundation vents can prohibit air circulation and encourage mold/mildew)

For multiple sandbag layers, use a pyramid placement. Place  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{2}{3}$  filled bags lengthwise and in direction of the flow. Keep unfilled portion under the weight of the sack.



- ❑ For a list of sandbag locations, visit:

<https://adacounty.id.gov/accem/Flood-Information>

**Clean up and disposal of sandbags when the water goes away is the responsibility of the homeowner!**



## Evacuation Information

In **advance** of any evacuation, the public should take specific preparedness steps:

- Register for the CodeRED emergency notification system  
<https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/BF01DC4DD213>
- Make notification and communications plans with family members
- Create a 72-hour kit that includes critical items (medication, documents, etc)
- Check on friends, family, and neighbors that may be isolated or unaware of the situation
- Bring outdoor possessions indoors and secure them or relocate them to higher elevation
- Move valuable items (papers, jewelry, clothing, etc) to upper floors or higher elevations
- Make transportation arrangements and make sure you have a full tank of gas in all vehicles used to evacuate
- Pets are not allowed in shelters with the exception of service animals. Make arrangements for your pets including how they will be housed and receive food, medications, etc. Make arrangements for your livestock and large animals.

**Please visit the 2017 Boise River Spring Flooding Website to Find a Pre-Evacuation Checklist and Plan Accordingly**

<https://adacounty.id.gov/accem/Flood-Information>

### **During an evacuation:**

- Turn off gas, electricity, and water and disconnect appliances
- **DO NOT walk through water or drive over flooded roads**
- Take your 72-hour kit
- Notify family members
- Pay attention to evacuation orders and evacuation routes as directed