

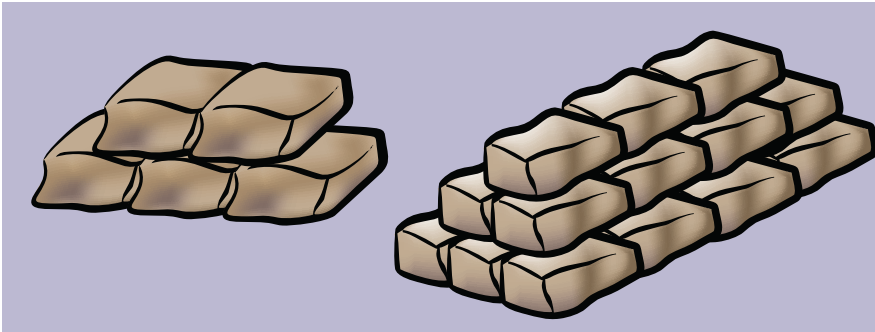
# PROPER USE OF SANDBAGS

## FILLING

A correctly filled sandbag should only be filled 1/2 to 2/3 full and tied near the top. This allows the sand inside to move and take on the shape of the ground and other sandbags when they are laid on top of each other to prevent gaps and water ingress.



## STACKING

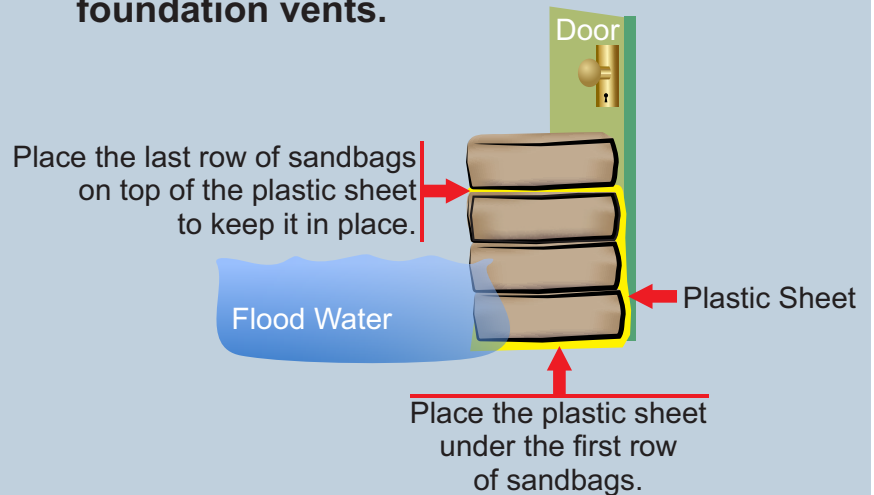


For best results, lay sandbags in a staggered manner (like bricks in a wall) so the joints are covered by other sandbags. As each sandbag is placed, it should be tamped down to fill any voids between the rows and layers.

## PLACING

Waterproof material is essential to limit the amount of water and sediment entering your home; sandbags alone will not protect your property. Plastic tarps (Visqueen) or baffle boards (foam rubber backed plywood) should be used with the sandbags to temporarily seal foundation vents, doorways, garage doors and sliding glass doors. For best results, place waterproof sheeting between the sandbags and the structure as shown in the diagram.

**Use this method for inward opening doors, sliding glass doors, garage doors, and foundation vents.**



## REMOVING (after the rain event)

Remember, sealing foundation vents prohibits air circulation. Using sandbags as a protection measure is temporary and should be removed immediately after the rain event in order to prevent the growth of mold and mildew. If sandbags have come into contact with floodwater, they may contain contaminants such as sewage. Wear rubber gloves when removing sandbags after a flood.

## DISPOSAL

Please cut sandbag open and use the sand to fill in low areas of the ground or spread sand throughout grassy areas. **DO NOT THROW FULL SANDBAGS IN GARBAGE BIN.**