



LEON COUNTY SANDBAGS

and how to use them
properly for flood protection

BEFORE THE STORM

HOW TO FILL SANDBAGS

- Bring a shovel and a partner to a sandbag location. This is a two-person job – one person will fill the bags while the other holds them open.
- Fill bags between one-third to one-half of their capacity with sand. Be sure not to overfill.



HOW TO PLACE SANDBAGS

- Place the sandbags outside and against the doors where water enters your home.
- Clear debris from the area where bags will be placed.
- Position bags pointing in the direction of water flow. (see back)
- For additional water proofing, put a large sheet of heavy duty plastic between sandbags and the wall of your home.
- Stack layers of bags like a brick wall, overlapping layers by half of a bag width.
- Step on bags to make sure they're firmly in place and to create a tight seal.



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AFTER THE STORM

HOW TO STORE SANDBAGS

- If you are able, store sandbags in your garage or covered area until the end of hurricane season (November 30) should you need them again.
- If you are not able to store sandbags after a storm, slit bag open and spread sand in your yard.

ADDITIONAL SANDBAGS TIPS

- Sandbags are intended to protect homes and structures in their immediate vicinity. Sandbags are not intended to prevent water from coming onto property.
- For multiple sandbag layers, use a pyramid placement. Place filled bags lengthwise and in direction of the flow. Keep unfilled portion under the weight of the sack.

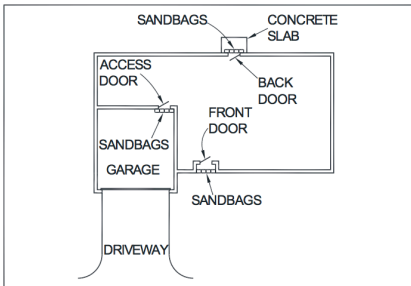
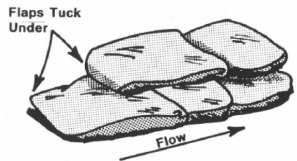


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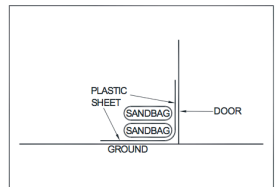


Figure 2

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