

“Preparing sandbags is no light matter!”

– Flood Ready Freddy



TIP #7: “Use sandbags properly to get flood ready!”

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Remember to pick up some sandbags to get ready for the rainy season. During a flood, water can flow into your home underneath doors and through other low-lying openings in the structure. Sandbags help keep water out of your home by temporarily sealing those points.

Where to Find Sandbags

Sandbags are readily available at either of these **Zone 7 Water Agency** service locations:

- Zone 7 Water Agency Administration, 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, CA 94551**
- Zone 7 Parkside Facility, 5997 Parkside Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588**

You can also find sandbags for sale at your local home improvement store.

Proper Sandbag Placement

1. When laying down your sandbags, find the lowest point of entry to your home. This is where water will pool during rains – which can create enough pressure to push water through any openings.
2. Each bag should be about $\frac{2}{3}$ full so when laid on its side, you will have a full side, and an empty side
3. Place the bags in a neat row, starting by laying the full side down first, then overlapping each bag by placing the full side of each bag over the empty side of the precious bag. This will help keep the sandbags in place.
4. When starting the next row, offset the first bag so it begins in the middle of the bag underneath, so there are fewer gaps in between
5. Your finished sandbags should look like bricks! This will help minimize the amount of water that gets through.

