

Sand & Sandbag Information



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General Information

- Free sandbags are available through your local fire districts. Monitor district websites and social media pages for updates.
- Lee County Public Safety purchases sand and sandbags and provides them to local fire districts; districts handle public distribution.
- Bring gloves and a shovel to fill bags.
- Residents are responsible for loading and hauling filled bags to their property.
- It is important to know the weight limit of your vehicle and any personal limitations.
- Sand from bags that were not soiled by stormwater can be emptied in your yard, flowerbeds or planters as a soil supplement.
- Sand or sandbags that cannot be reused can be taken to the Lee Hendry Landfill, located at 5500 Church Road, Felda, FL 33930.

Filling Sandbags

- Sandbags should be filled $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$ full and should weigh about 30-40 pounds each. Once filled, tie the sandbag near the top or twist the open end and tuck it under the bag.
- Overfilling the sandbags or tying them too low makes them harder to stack and makes them less flexible.

Placing Sandbags

1. Start by placing a plastic sheet or tarp under the bags, to improve water resistance.
2. Place sandbags like brickwork, staggering rows so the joints do not line up.
3. If the sandbag wall is going to be more than five (5) bags high, you will need to place two (2) rows wide.



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