



## SANDBAGS – A QUICK GUIDE

### MATERIALS YOU'LL NEED:

- Sturdy sandbags (polypropylene or burlap)
- Coarse sand or local soil
- Gloves and a shovel
- Plastic sheeting and Tape (optional for extra sealing)



### FILL CORRECTLY

**Tip:** Use sand if available; otherwise, local dirt works too.

- Fill each bag about 2/3 full (8-15 kgs)
- Do not overfill — bags should be soft and easy to stack

### PLACING SANDBAGS

#### Lay Plastic Sheeting (Optional)

- Lay plastic on the ground where water is expected to come in



#### Build Your Wall

- Stack in a staggered brick pattern
- Fold bag tops under before placing
- Tamp down each layer to reduce gaps
- Limit to 3 layers high max (unless supported)
- Angle wall ends backward or into higher ground so water doesn't flow around.

### AFTER THE FLOOD



- Used sandbags may be contaminated dispose of them following local guidelines
- Don't reuse them for flood protection

