

Hurricane Preparedness Tips

Sandbag Safety

VIDOSH



Filling Sandbags

Fill sandbags 1/2 to 2/3 full. Do not overfill, as it will be too heavy to carry. Use sturdy gloves when handling sand-bags. To avoid injury, use proper lifting techniques when filling and lifting sand-bags. Designated dates and sandbag distribution sites will be identified by VITEMA.



Safe Handling

Lay sandbags like brick-work. Do not tie the top of sandbag. Overlap bags to ensure the unfilled part of the bag is covered by the next bag. At the end of the row, tuck flaps under the last bag. Stagger rows so the ends of the bags do not line up.



Placement

Place a small wall across doorways to the height of expected water level. Be careful not to trap yourself inside. Plastic sheeting or tarps may be used under sandbags to reduce water seepage.

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