



# Be Flood Safe

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## Easy ways to keep water out of your house:

Flooding caused by heavy rains can cause damage to your home. Although keeping the gutter in front of your home clear of leaves and litter prevents drains from becoming clogged, sandbags can also be used to protect your property.

## Using your sandbags:

- Open ends of bags should face against the water flow.
- Stack parallel to the direction of the water flow.
- Tuck flaps under.
- Stagger seams like you would with bricks.
- Stomp each layer of bags to give stability.
- Create a pyramid shape.

## Storing your sandbags:

- After use, dry sandbags in the sun.
- Store in a black bag or dark place out of the sun.

Up-to-date flood information can be found at: [www.valleywater.org](http://www.valleywater.org)  
For additional information contact:

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**Filled sandbags are available for FREE to Santa Clara residents year-round.**

**Limit of 10 per residence.**

**Visit the Public Works Corporation Yard at:  
1700 Walsh Avenue,  
Santa Clara, CA 95050  
or call: 408-615-3080**

