



Sandbags

Purpose: The primary purpose of this policy is to ensure that sandbags are available to Teton County to adequately respond to flooding emergencies or disasters in order to protect essential public property within Teton County. The secondary purpose is to assist residents of Teton County by making sandbags available to protect private property, when the availability of sandbag supplies allows.

Priority: Teton County will make sandbags available as supplies warrant, in the following priority;

- Sandbags and material which are County property will be available to those County departments for the protection of public property within the County.
- Teton County will maintain a supply of approximately 1,500 sandbags.
- Once it has been determined that public property is adequately protected as listed above any extra sandbags will be available for public purchase at current County cost following the priorities below:
 - For the protection of life;
 - For the protection of private property; and
 - For the protection of the environment.
- This policy may be changed during an active disaster declaration where additional sandbag supplies may allow the County to distribute sandbags at no cost to the public.

The sole responsibility for protection of private property in the event of a flood lies with individual property owners and not with Teton County. Sandbags and sand are available, inexpensively, at most hardware and home improvement stores. In the event of large scale flooding, Teton County cannot guarantee the availability of sandbags to private property owners. Therefore reliance on the County to provide sandbags should not be considered as the primary means of protection. Owners of properties at risk of flooding are therefore encouraged to keep, where possible, their own stock of sandbags and sand to fill the bags at times of potential flooding.

Procedure: In the event of flooding the citizens of Teton County can call the Emergency Management Coordinator at 354-2703 to see the current availability of sandbags and the current cost.

Proper disposal of sandbags is the responsibility of the property owners and not Teton County.