

# Sandbags Available to Skagit County Residents

Sandbags are a simple but effective way to prevent or reduce floodwater damage and can act as a barrier to divert moving water around, instead of through, buildings. Free sandbags are available on a first-come, first-served basis at multiple locations across the county. Bags are not pre-filled and residents should be prepared to bring shovels and other supplies to fill bags themselves. See the location list below.

## How to Fill a Sandbag –

Filling sandbags is usually a two-person operation. The use of safety goggles and gloves is recommended.

- One person should place the empty bag between or slightly in front of widespread feet with arms extended.
- Fold the top of the bag to form a wide collar.
- The other person should use a shovel to place material into bag.
- Fill bag between one-third (1/3) to one-half (1/2) of their capacity. This keeps the bag from getting too heavy, and permits the bags to be stacked with a good seal.

## Sandbag Placement –

Remove any debris from the area where the bags are being placed. Place the partially filled bags lengthwise and parallel to the direction of flow, with the open end facing against the water flow. Tuck the flaps under, keeping the unfilled portion under the weight of the sack.

Place succeeding bags on top, offsetting by one-half (1/2) filled length of the previous bag, and stamp into place to eliminate voids and form a tight seal. Stagger the joint connections when multiple layers are necessary.

The following locations have sandbags for pick-up. Additional locations will be listed as they are available:

## Alger Fire Station

**Address #1:** 18726 Parkview Lane, Burlington, WA 98233

**#2:** 5931 Hobson Road, Bow, WA 98232

**Contact:** 360-661-7608 or 360-724-3451

**Notes:** Go to gravel area near entrance. Bags are not pre-filled.

## Allen Playfields

**Address:** 9000 WA-11, Burlington, WA 98233

**Contact:** 360-708-1959

**Notes:** Go to south parking lot. Prefilled bags available. The bags are not pre-filled.

## Big Lake Fire Department

**Address:** 16818 W Big Lake Blvd, Mount Vernon, WA 98274

**Notes:** Between the old and the new station in the driveway. The bags are not pre-filled.

## Clear Lake Fire Department

**Address:** 23624 Jackson Street, Clear Lake, WA 98235

**Contact:** 360-854-7940

**Notes:** Go to south parking lot. Bags are not pre-filled.

## Concrete Public Works

**Address:** In the parking lot east of 45396 Main Street, Concrete, WA

**Contact:** Town Hall: 360-853-8401

**Notes:** The bags are not pre-filled.

## Dike District 12

**Address:** 1317 S Anacortes St, Burlington, WA 98233

**Contact:** Town Hall: [\(360\) 757-3484](tel:3607573484)

**Notes:** The bags are not pre-filled.

## Edison Fire Hall

**Address:** 14304 West Bow Hill Road, Bow, WA 98232

**Contact:** John Leander (Chief), 360-661-1154

**Notes:** In the bunker to the west of Fire Hall. Bags are not pre-filled.

## Hamilton Fire Hall

**Address:** 951 Petit Street, Hamilton, WA 98255

**Notes:** Sand is located next door to the Hamilton Fire Station in the parking lot of the Sinclair Fuel Station. Bags are not pre-filled.

## Hickson Fire Hall

**Address:** 20464 Prairie Road, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

**Notes:** Bags are not pre-filled.

## Mount Vernon City Shop

**Address:** 1021 Riverside Dr – enter near Skagit Gleaners building

**Contact:** 360-336-6204

**Notes:** Bags are not pre-filled.

## McLean Road Fire Department / Fire District #2

**Address:** 15452 Beaver Marsh Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

**Contact:** 360-424-7296 or 360-708-1947

**Notes:** Bags are not pre-filled

## Prairie Fire Hall

**Address:** 3212 WA-9, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

**Note:** In the north parking lot. Bags are not pre-filled.