

Sandbags Available to Skagit County Residents

Updated 12/16 at 3:00pm

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](tel:360-661-7608) or [360-724-3451](tel: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](tel:360-708-1959)

Notes: Go to south parking lot. 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](tel: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](tel: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:360-757-3484)

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](tel: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](tel:360-336-6204)

Notes: Bags are not pre-filled.

McLean Road Fire Department / Fire District #2

No sand or bags as of 12/16 at 11:00 am. Request has

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

Contact: [360-424-7296](tel:360-424-7296) or [360-708-1947](tel: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.