

BE FLOOD SMART

This site was created by your

Local Emergency Management Team

We're here to help you keep your family, home, and business flood safe. We have assembled some important information about how you can prepare for a flood and what to do in the event of one. Please review this information carefully and decide what steps you need to take to be prepared.



In the case of significant flooding, emergency management agencies will quickly respond to any life, health or safety emergency.



Be Informed

If you haven't already done so, sign up for Pitkin Alert to receive important emergency information via email and/or cell phone - www.pitkinalert.org

Check local radio, television and newspapers for emergency advisories and updates.

Monitor NOAA Weather Radio or your local media for vital weather information.

Watch rivers and creeks for signs of rising water levels.



Be Prepared

Know how to turn off your gas, electricity and water supplies.

Prepare a flood kit of essential items. [Kit Checklist](#)

Move items of personal value and treasured mementos to a safe place.

Make a list of all your important contacts and keep it with you.

Agree where you will go and how to contact each other.

Keep your vehicle's gas tank filled.

Take family pets to a safe place away from the home.

Keep your cell phone charged.

Check your insurance coverage.

Know where to purchase and how to prepare sandbags. [See page 2 for sandbag information](#)



Be Safe

Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams or washes.

Do not walk through standing water. It may contain hazardous materials.

Turn off the gas, electricity and water supplies if safe to do so.

Never drive through flooded roadways. If your car stalls, abandon it immediately.

Avoid downed power lines and broken gas lines.

Keep children and pets away from fast moving or high water.

Kayakers and rafters should report overturned "runaway" boats to authorities.

Immediately evacuate your home if you are advised to do so by authorities.

Helpful Links

[River Levels](#)

[Be Ready for Flooding](#)

[Sandbagging Tips](#)

[Swiftwater Safety Video](#)

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Sandbag Information

Sandbags have proven to be an effective way to protect your property from flood damage.

Check out this [You Tube video](#) with important instructional information about sandbagging.



Sandbags are in short supply. It is recommended you call first for availability. Sandbags can also be purchased via the Internet from any different vendors.

Local Stores

Roaring Fork Coop
0760 Hwy 133
Carbondale
970-963-2220

Lowe's
Glenwood Springs
970-384-3940

Internet Stores

Neway Packaging
www.newaypkg.com
800-956-3929

Central Bag & Burlap
www.centralbag.com
303-297-9955

Sand Locations

Lafarge
3794 County Rd. 109
Carbondale
970-704-4780

Western Slope Aggregates
14682 Hwy. 82
Carbondale
970-963-9424

How to Fill Sandbags

Fill sandbags 1/2 to 3/4 full, tie at top so bag will lay flat when put in place. Overfilled bags leave gaps in levee allowing water to seep through.

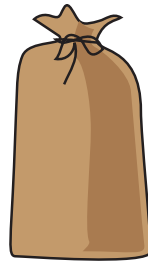
RIGHT FILL

1/2 Full
35-40 lbs.



WRONG FILL

Full
70-75 lbs.



WRONG

tied too low
1/2 Full



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