



**MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL**

Manchester City Council Sandbag Policy

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1. Policy Context

- In preparation for any flooding events, the council will keep a stock of 2,500 palletted sandbags
- Should the level of flooding require a major incident to be declared, the council will deploy sandbags to key locations in the expected flooding area(s). Two locations have been identified in the south of the city, Fletcher Moss Car Park, Didsbury and Mill Lane Car Park, Northenden, however further sites will be identified if there is a risk of flooding in other areas.
- Residents will be advised of the locations so they can collect a reasonable number of sandbags for use in their homes.
- Be advised, sandbags may not be fully effective in holding back flood water, especially once they have been used.
- Sandbags are heavy and care should be taken when lifting or moving them
- Contamination of sandbags with oil or sewage can occur in floodwater so appropriate hygiene precautions should be taken during and after handling
- After the flood waters are at a safe level and the sandbags are no longer required, it is the responsibility of the resident or business owner to either re-use or dispose of them in a legal manner
- After any flooding incidents, once the incident is closed, the numbers of filled and unfilled sandbags will be replenished and held by the council.

Preparing Your Property for Flooding - Advice to Residents and Businesses

- The council strongly recommends that both businesses and residential properties who are at risk of flooding develop their own flood plan.

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