

HERNANDO COUNTY SANDBAG POLICY

POLICY NO. 15-o2

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the provision of sand and sandbags during periodic flooding events.

POLICY: During periodic flooding events, residents look to the County for the provision of sand and sandbags. Sand and sandbags are provided with the intention of them being used to restrict flood waters from entering houses via doorways and garages and entryways. They are not intended to be used to provide a barricade around houses or property. Sand and sandbags shall be made available to residents in accordance with the following guidelines.

1. Upon a determination that a flooding condition is eminent or exists, the County Administrator or Emergency Management Officer may authorize the issuance of sandbags and sand on an as-needed basis.
2. Sandbags and sand will be made available to residents at locations designated by the Emergency Management Officer.
3. Residents may obtain up to 50 sandbags. It will be their responsibility to fill, transport and place the bags at their residences. Brochures will be made available to residents illustrating the proper filling technique and use of sandbags.
4. It is the charge of the Department of Public Works to maintain a minimum supply of 2,500 sandbags in inventory for use in emergencies.
5. Sand and/or sandbags will not be delivered directly to private residences.
6. The Emergency Management Office will attempt to provide volunteer assistance for elderly or handicapped residents needing assistance with sandbags.
7. Exceptions to this policy will be considered on a case by case basis.

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