

# Build a berm to protect your property from flooding

- Start building your berm by filling your sandbags half way full with sand.
- Make sure you have enough sandbags to build a berm. The amount of sandbags you will need is dependant on your home's size and location.
- Construct your sandbag berm on high ground and close to your home.
- Dig a trench one bag in depth and two bags wide as a foundation. The berm should be three times as wide at the base as it is high.
- To start your bottom layer, lay your sandbags so the empty half of the bag overlaps with the full half of the next bag.
- As individual bags are put in place, walk on them to secure them, do not puncture the bags
- Once your bottom layer is complete, start your next layer. Place the sandbags in the alternate direction of the pervious layer.
- Each new layer should be about a half a sandbag back on both sides so the berm has a triangular shape.