

Derbyshire County Council can provide empty hessian sandbags to residents across Derbyshire upon request. The demand for assistance during flood events (including the requests for sandbags) is often very high and we cannot guarantee reaching every resident in time. The County Council actively promotes personal resilience and recommends that those at risk from flooding take appropriate steps to ensure that their property and contents are protected. The County Council are seeking alternative methods to sandbags for distribution to help protect homes and businesses from flood water.

### **FloodSax**

FloodSax are an alternative to traditional sandbags. They are an innovative self-inflating flood defence system which can be stored easily and can be deployed in minutes to help protect businesses or homes from flood water. FloodSax consists of a semi-porous inner liner, containing hundreds of crystals, which absorb water within approximately three minutes of deployment.

The County Council have a limited supply of FloodSax and these can be provided to members of the public considered to be at risk of flooding for demonstration purposes only. Therefore the County Council recommends residents source their own additional FloodSax should they find that the product works for them.

For the correct and safe deployment and disposal of FloodSax it is advised that;

- Caution is exercised to avoid slipping and tripping when working around wet FloodSax.
- Gloves and boots are worn for protection from abrasions and possible contaminants.

It should be noted that the County Council are unable to recover any used FloodSax or sandbags and it is the responsibility of the resident to dispose of them safely and appropriately.

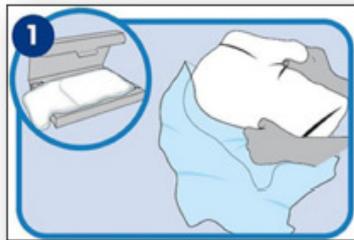
**Disclaimer:** There are many alternative products to sandbags available. The County Council have procured the current stock of FloodSax through a competitive tender process. This is subject to constant re-evaluation.

It is important to note that the County Council will continue to provide empty hessian sandbags, free of charge. For The county council's policy on the provision of sandbags please refer to the County Council's website:

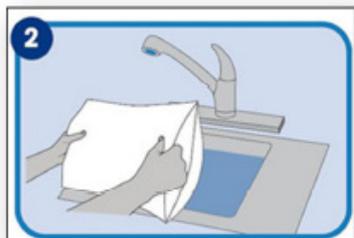
[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/flooding/emergency\\_preparedness/resilience\\_and\\_sandbags](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/flooding/emergency_preparedness/resilience_and_sandbags)

Please follow the instructions shown below as a guide for using FloodSax:

### How to energise your FloodSax



Remove outer packaging. Then open the vacuum-sealed bag and remove the FloodSax.



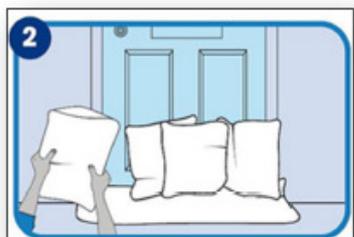
Energise your FloodSax. This can be done by soaking the FloodSax with water until they are fully expanded. This should take 2 to 3 minutes.

- You can soak your FloodSax in the sink, a bucket or wheelbarrow.
- You can use a hosepipe or watering can.
- You can use rain water.

### How to build your wall of FloodSax



After energising, place one long FloodSax against the base of the door.



And then build a wall on top by vertically overlapping the other energised FloodSaxs.