

Free Sandbags to NYC Homeowners



Starting Hurricane Season 2021, sandbags will be available free of charge to 1- to 4-family homeowners in NYC. Take a moment to read through the below tips on how to place and dispose of your sandbags.

Placing your sandbags

- ✓ It may not be necessary to surround your entire property. For most, focusing on doorways and drains, for instance, may be enough to reduce flood impacts.
- ✓ Place the bag parallel to the direction of potential water flow.
- ✓ If stacking them, tamp down on the bags before placing the next row. Don't place each bag right on top of the one below it; instead, stagger them as depicted in the above photo.

Getting rid of your sandbags

- ✓ Sandbags that have been exposed to floodwater need to be disposed of immediately and not reused.
- ✓ Floodwater may contaminate sandbags. Wear protective equipment when handling sandbags that have been exposed.
- ✓ Do not allow sand to wash into catch basins, which will potentially clog them and make flooding worse in the future.
- ✓ Sand that has not gotten wet can also be used as topsoil or general fill material.

Pickup Locations

Monday, November 15, 2021 - 8 AM to 1 PM

69-46 Sybilla Street, Queens (DOT Roadway Maintenance Yard)

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 – 1 PM to 6 PM

2144 Webster Avenue, Bronx (DOT Fleet Services Building)

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 – 8 AM to 1 PM

5 Dubois Avenue, Staten Island (DOT Street Maintenance Yard)

Thursday, November 18, 2021 – 1 PM to 9 PM

88-26 Pitkin Avenue, Queens (DOT Facilities Maintenance Building)

Friday, November 19, 2021 – 8 AM to 1 PM

South side of Delancey Street and Lewis Street, Manhattan
(DOT Roadway Maintenance Yard)

Eligible recipients are welcome to visit any of the distribution sites listed.

Each household will be limited to 20 sandbags.

Please wear a mask when you arrive.