



MUNICIPAL SANDBAG POLICY

Introduction

The Municipality of Mississippi Mills provides sand and sandbags to residents who are either affected by flooding or likely affected by flooding. The sandbags are available at any time of year, but the demand is typically higher in the late winter and spring events. The purpose of this policy is to provide a fair and systematic manner in which to provide this service to our residents. In all cases residents requesting sandbags shall be considered to have indemnified the Municipality of any responsibility for damage to person(s) or property related to the residents use of the Municipally supplied Sand and bags.

Policy

Normal Water Levels

Definition:

No Flood or Drought Conditions Exist, determined by the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority.

Actions: The Municipality will make sand and sandbags available to Residents of the Municipality who require sandbags for preparation for anticipated flooding events. Sandbags shall be made available at the Municipal Public Works Garage Located at 3131 Old Perth Road. Residents must contact the Public Works Department in advance and request number of bags they wish to obtain.

Flood Watch

Definition:

During a flood watch, Flooding is possible in specific water courses, and areas of the Municipality determined by the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority.

Actions: The Municipality, Emergency Services and Individual land owners in flood-prone areas should prepare. The Municipality will make sand and sandbags available to Residents of the Municipality who require sandbags for preparation for anticipated flooding events. Sandbags shall be made available at the

Municipal Public Works Garage Located at 3131 Old Perth Road. Residents must contact the Public Works Department in advance and request number of bags they wish to obtain

Flood Warning

Definition:

Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or certain areas of the Municipality determined by the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority.

Actions: The Municipality will make sand and sandbags available to Residents of the Municipality who require sandbags for preparation for anticipated flooding events. Sandbags shall be made available at the Municipal Public Works Garage Located at 3131 Old Perth Road. Residents must contact the Public Works Department in advance and request number of bags they wish to obtain.

The Municipality will also deliver sandbags and sand as needed at the following locations:

1. Montgomery Park Road
2. Birch Point Lane
3. A central location in Pakenham

Depending on the anticipated level of flooding, the Municipality may also choose to install sandbags along the banks of the Mississippi, behind the post office in Almonte.

Flood Event

Definition:

Flooding is occurring within the Municipality, along areas prone to flooding determined by the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority.

Actions: The Municipality will make sand and sandbags available to Residents of the Municipality who require sandbags for preparation for anticipated flooding events. Sandbags shall be made available at the Municipal Public Works Garage Located at 3131 Old Perth Road. Residents must contact the Public Works Department in advance and request number of bags they wish to obtain.

The Municipality will also deliver sandbags and sand as needed at the following locations:

1. Montgomery Park Road
2. Birch Point Lane
3. Coleman Island (based on projected water levels)
4. A Central location in Pakenham

Should projected water levels dictate, the Municipality may also choose to install sandbags along the banks of the Mississippi, behind the post office in Almonte.

Post Event

In the case of Flood Warning or Flood Event, Once the water has receded, residents may drop off unused sand bags at the Public Works Garage located at 3131 Old Perth Road and if required a central location in Pakenham.

Disposal points for all used sandbags will be located at the Public Works Garage located at 3131 Old Perth Road, and designated collection points at Montgomery Park Road, Birch Point Lane and Coleman Island only if sand was required to be delivered to those locations.

In the case of Events where Flood Warning or Flood Event is not reached, the resident is solely responsible for disposal for used sandbags.