

# Emergency Flood-Proofing Measures – Using Sandbags

## Sandbag Levees/Dykes

- Sandbags should be stacked to form a barrier against rising flood waters.
- The bag must be strong enough to hold sand or earth and withstand contact with water indefinitely.
- A trench should be dug because the water will exert pressure against the sandbags.
- The bags should not be totally filled to allow overlap which “locks” bags together.

