

Lincolnshire Local Authority Sandbag Policy

Planning

Local Authorities will maintain a stock of sandbags and sand strategically located within their district.

The Local Authorities will liaise with local Parish Councils / Communities in flood planning and build up resilience in flood risk areas, by jointly identifying vulnerable sectors of the community and giving advice and guidance on the best means of being prepared for flooding, as well as by promoting community self help and initiatives such as the Environment Agency's Flood Warnings Direct system.

Emphasis will be given to pro-actively notifying householders of the risk they face from flooding and the need for self-help including such methods as the use of targeted mail shots incorporating this LRF Advice on Flooding leaflet.

Provision of Sandbags

During a flooding event the Local Authority will attempt to deliver sandbags to properties occupied by vulnerable people within the flood warning zone directly e.g. the elderly, the infirm and those without their own transport etc. Other groups will be asked to collect sandbags either from designated distribution points identified in public literature or radio broadcasts, from each local authority or from local builder's merchants.

No charge will be made for sandbags issued by the Local Authority during a flooding event but costs will be recorded for possible cost recovery by the Local Authority from Central Government.

Sandbags may not be provided to protect gardens, outbuildings or garages.

The Local Authority will not accept responsibility for the placement of sandbags, except at locations where infirmity or disability is an issue.

Clean Up

Apart from sandbags issued to vulnerable groups the local authority will not be responsible for the disposal of contaminated sandbags following a flooding event. Information will be provided on the most appropriate method of disposal but once issued the sandbags become the property of the occupier or organisation.

Assistance will be provided to vulnerable people who have received sandbags by the local authority.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

If you would like any further local information please contact your Local Authority or Internal Drainage Boards on the following telephone numbers or visit their websites.

Local Authority	Contact No	Website
Boston Borough Council	01205 314200	www.boston.gov.uk
City of Lincoln Council	01522 881188	www.lincoln.gov.uk
East Lindsey District Council	01507 601111	www.e-lindsey.gov.uk
North Kesteven District Council	01529 414155	www.n-kesteven.gov.uk
South Kesteven District Council	01476 406080	www.southkesteven.gov.uk
South Holland District Council	01775 761161	www.sholland.gov.uk
West Lindsey District Council	01427 676676	www.west-lindsey.gov.uk

Internal Drainage Board	Contact No	Website
Black Sluice IDB	01205 361061	www.blacksluiceidb.gov.uk
Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board	01507 328095	www.lmdb.co.uk
Newark Area IDB	01636 704371	www.naidb.co.uk
South Holland IDB	01406 424933	www.south-holland-idb.gov.uk
Upper Witham IDB	01522 697123	www.uwidb.co.uk
Welland & Deepings IDB	01775 725861	www.wellandidb.org.uk
Witham First District IDB	01522 794479	www.witham-1st-idb.gov.uk
Witham Third District IDB	01522 794479	www.witham-3rd-idb.gov.uk
Witham Fourth District IDB	01205 310088	www.w4idb.co.uk

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Anglian Water (24 hr)	08457 145 145
Electricity (Central Networks)	0800 056 8090
Environment Agency (Floodline)	0845 988 1188
Environment Agency (Web-site)	www.environment-agency.gov.uk
Environment Agency (Emergencies)	0800 80 70 60
Gas (National Grid)	0800 111 999
Health Protection Agency	01476 514699
Health Protection Agency (out of hours)	0115 929 6477
Health Protection Agency (Web-site)	www.hpa.org.uk
East Midlands Ambulance Service (In case of emergency)	999
Lincolnshire County Council	01522 552222
Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Service (switchboard)	01522 582222
Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Service – (In case of emergency)	999
Lincolnshire Police, Nettleham	01522 532222
Lincolnshire Police, (In case of emergency)	999
Met Office	www.metoffice.gov.uk
Powergen	www.powergen.co.uk
Severn Trent Water (24 hr)	0800 783 4444
Yorkshire Electricity	0800 375 675
Yorkshire Water (24 hr Emergency Line)	0800 1573553

USEFUL SOURCES OF ADVICE AND SUPPORT

Citizens Advice Bureau	08701 224422
Lincs FM	01522 549977
BBC Radio Lincolnshire	01522 511411
Consumer Direct	08454 04 05 06

YOUR OWN USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS



Devastated.

Think this couldn't happen to you?
Floods are devastating. Find out if you are at risk.
We can help.

Don't ignore the risk.
Be prepared for flooding.
Call **0845 988 1188** or visit
www.environment-agency.gov.uk/floodline