



CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

SANDBAG POLICY

- Properties in areas suffering repeated flooding should hold their own supply of sandbags
- If you know your property is at risk of flooding or is in the Environment Agency Flood Zone it is strongly recommended that you make your own arrangements for sandbags or other defence methods as part of a pre-emptive flood defence plan.
- You should consider and invest in personal property protection measures if you are in a known risk area.
- You should sign up for flood warnings for Rivers in the Forest of Dean at [Sign up for flood warnings - GOV.UK](#)
- Sandbags that we have available will be distributed on a 'needs' basis to properties at imminent risk of flooding.
- We will not supply sandbags to defend gardens, sheds, outbuildings, or other such structures. We do not accept responsibility for placing of flood defences, we will do our best to help property owners although manpower will be prioritised as the Flood Warden sees best.
- We will not supply sandbags or other temporary devices in advance based on forecasts.
- Once issued sandbags become the property of the property owner. It is the owners responsibility of the sandbags to dispose of them responsibly
- The supply of sandbags is for properties in Cinderford West Ward, East Ward & North Ward only.
- Supply will be distributed on a "needs" basis to properties at imminent risk of flooding.
- We appreciate flooding events are stressful and traumatic. We will stop distribution if volunteers, Councillors or staff are verbally or physically threatened. The decision to use sandbags to divert water flow will be made by the Flood Warden and Councillors according to the conditions being experienced.

- Useful links/information:
 - [National Flood Forum – A charity to help, support and represent people at risk of flooding.](#)
 - [Report flooding - Forest of Dean District Council](#)
 - [Floodsax are the original and best alternative sandbags for flood protection and flood mitigation](#)
 - Local building merchants for sandbags, sand, sheeting, wood
 - [Sign up for flood warnings - GOV.UK](#) or Telephone: 0345 988 1188
Textphone: 0345 602 6340

Cinderford Town Council Emergency Response Numbers:

•MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 9AM TO 5PM – COUNCIL OFFICE 01594 822599

**•OUT OF HOURS OR IF OFFICE UNAVAILABLE - FLOOD WARDEN 01594 824244 /
DEPUTY FLOOD WARDEN 07796 387024 / SNOW WARDEN: 07795 172639 /
01594 825022**

**•EMERGENCY RESPONSE CO-ORDINATORS – CLL FLOWER 07497435290 /
CLLR TURNER 07919557872 / 07796387024 CLLR MARSH /CLLR
CHARLTON-WRIGHT 07766382994 / COUNTY COUNCILLOR DONAGHUE
07788 217215**

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