

**TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**  
**SAND BAG POLICY (PUBLIC)**

There is no statutory requirement for the Township to provide sandbags, nor to prevent a property from flooding.

Our policy for sandbags is to **assist** with the prevention of property flooding by supplying a **minimal number** of sandbags to individual property owners.

**Property owners are responsible for protecting their own property** and therefore should make their own arrangements to protect their properties, making plans in advance of a flooding event.

Sandbags will not totally prevent floodwater encroaching into property and all owners should remove articles to a safe location above anticipated flood level. People building flood defences with sandbags should also be aware of the building methods to employ in order to make an effective seal and the health and safety implication of manual handling sandbags, as they are exceptionally heavy.

The Township has a small stock of sandbags, primarily to assist in preventing flooding of the roads.

Although it is not the responsibility of the municipality to provide property owners with sand bags, in case of flooding or danger of flooding, the Township of Ryerson does have a limited number of sandbags available to property owners in the Township.

A property owner may purchase up to ten (10) empty sandbags at a cost of \$1.00 (including HST) per sandbag.

Sand Bags may be purchased during office hours 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In an emergency, sand bags can be picked up at the municipal garage after hours from a staff member of the road department. The cost of the sand bags will be invoiced subsequently, from the office.

The Township will have a small supply of sand (without salt) at the Township yard. Sand for up to ten (10) sand bags may be provided (with permission from municipal staff and if sufficient quantity of sand is in stock) and may be taken from the municipal sand pile at no cost to Ryerson Township property owners. (Bring your own shovel).

The Township has made arrangements with Derrick Johnstone Construction 705-493-6900 (in Sundridge) for larger quantities of sand to be delivered to a

property owner, at the property owner's cost. Contact municipal staff to make these arrangements.

Contact information:

Municipal Office: 705 382-3232

Municipal Garage: 705 783-0064

Fred Schmeltz: 705 783-0064

If a flood emergency escalates beyond the local event stage, the Head of Council may request Emergency Management Ontario for provincial assistance.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is responsible for flood forecasting and warning at the provincial level in Ontario. Current flood messages and information are accessible to the public at [www.ontario.ca/flooding](http://www.ontario.ca/flooding).

Information from the Federal Government is available on the Government of Canada web site:

### **Floods - What to do?**

[www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/flds-wtd/index-en.aspx](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/flds-wtd/index-en.aspx)

### **Severe Storms - What to Do?**

[www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/svrstrms-wtd/index-en.aspx](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/svrstrms-wtd/index-en.aspx)

### **Your Emergency Preparedness Guide**

[www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/yprprdnssgd/index-en.aspx](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/yprprdnssgd/index-en.aspx)

### **For Your Information:**

Some suppliers of empty sand bags include (but not limited to) the following:

Sunbelt Rentals 40 Cairns Crescent, Huntsville, ON P1H 1Y3

Phone: 705 788-7718

Jason.Taylor@sunbeltrentals.com

Lloyd Bag Company, 114 St. Clair St. P.O. Box 208, Chatham, ON N7M 5K3

Phone: 1-800 549-2247 or

519-352-9300

info@lloydbag.com