

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

Sandbag Protocol

Flooding does not only occur on flood plains or near watercourses, for example sudden heavy downpours can cause flooding when the ground is unable to absorb the rain quickly enough, and burst pipes can occur anywhere. Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is keen to encourage all residents and businesses in the borough to consider how they would protect their property from flood damage.

The Council's website gives links to information and advice on flood precautions, and the Council can supply filled sandbags, at a charge, to residents if requested. These can take up to five working days for delivery.

Local Authorities do not have a statutory duty to provide sandbags / a sandbag delivery service during flooding, and any service they do provide is purely discretionary. Epsom and Ewell Borough Council does hold a limited number of sandbags. The Council may, in some circumstances, be able to provide sandbags to protect homes (not gardens, garages or outbuildings) in imminent danger of flooding. However, this will be dependent on the council having filled sandbags available / transport and staff to deliver them, and also the likelihood of further flooding.

Householders are responsible for the disposal of sandbags after use.

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