



# Protecting your home and your belongings

*In case of flood*

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## Precautions to be taken if flood waters gets into your home:

- Move your valuables as well as any items that can be removed from the basement or ground floor to an upper floor.
- Put chemicals or harmful products in a safe place and out of children's reach.
- Block sewers in the basement to avoid backflow, in the absence of an anti-backflow valve.
- Plug the floor drain in the basement to reduce the amount of water that may come up through the drainpipe.
- Use an auxiliary sump pump to drain water from your home if necessary.
- Remove or secure all bulky objects outdoors that could be carried away by the water, posing a threat to others.
- For the natural gas supply, close the main gas entry valve, keeping in mind that it must be reopened only by a specialist. Close the valves on any propane bottles and tanks.
- Place bags of sand and membranes in front of each entrance and opening (doors, garage and window well) if the municipality advises you to do so.

Turn off the power and turn off the gas to eliminate the risk of electrocution or fire. However, do not turn off the power if the water has already started to enter your home. Immediately contact Hydro-Québec\*, at **1-800-790-2424**.



\*Hydro-Québec is the main supplier of electricity in Québec. If you are dealing with another power company, contact them directly.

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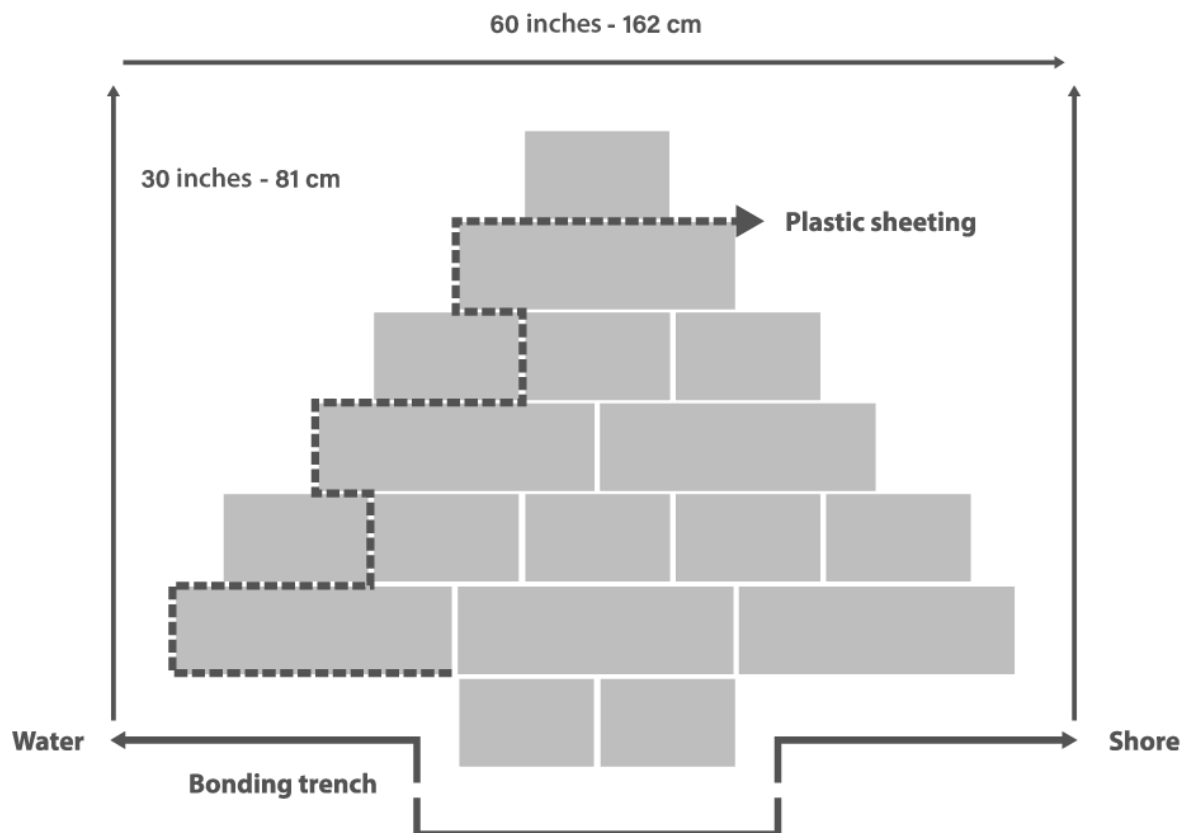
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## How to build a sandbag dike?

- Lay the bottom layer of sandbags perpendicular to the alignment of the dike and the direction of water flow.
- If possible, dig a bonding trench and use it as a foundation, as shown in the diagram below.
- Don't fill the bags completely. Partially filled bags bond together better and are less likely to shift.
- Alternate the direction of the bags from one layer to the next (perpendicular to the dike, parallel to the dike, etc.).
- To minimize seepage, weave a polyethylene sheet in and out between bag layers on the side of the dike exposed to rising water, as shown by the dotted line in the diagram below.



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