

Where To Get Sandbags

San Mateo County | Winter 2026-27



Sandbag stations are available in unincorporated areas, cities, and towns across San Mateo County. Unincorporated area residents, see the table on the next page. City and town residents, see the full list included below.

Reservations are not required, except where noted.

Most stations are self-serve. Plan to fill your own bags, and bring gloves.

Limits and hours vary by location. Where hours are not listed, contact your city or town.

What the labels mean

- **Fill your own:** sand and empty bags are available, and you fill the bags yourself.
- **Pre-filled:** bags are already filled and ready to pick up.

How to fill a sandbag

- **Work in pairs:** one person holds the bag open with the top folded out like a collar while the other shovels.
- **Fill the bag 1/2 to 2/3 full.** Overfilled bags leave gaps that let water through.
- **Taking bags home?** Tie them loosely near the top, leaving enough slack so the bag still lies flat when placed. Filling on site? Skip the tie and fold the open end under.
- A filled bag can weigh 30 to 50 pounds, heavier when wet, so **wear gloves and lift with care.**



Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, [Flood Fighting: How To Use Sandbags](#)

Unincorporated San Mateo County

For residents of unincorporated San Mateo County. Pre-made sandbags are not available to industrial or commercial businesses. For more info: www.smcgov.org/publicworks/sandbags

Unincorporated Area	Locations and Hours	Limit	Bags
La Honda	La Honda Corporation Yard 59 Entrada Way 24/7	15 per winter season	Pre-filled (limited quantity) and fill your own
Pescadero	Pescadero Community (<i>no pre-made bags</i>) Intersection of Pescadero Creek Rd and Cloverdale Rd 24/7 Pescadero Corporation Yard 1000 Pescadero Creek Rd 24/7	15 per winter season	Pre-filled at the Corporation Yard only (limited quantity) and fill your own
Princeton	Princeton Corporation Yard 203 Cornell Ave 24/7	15 per winter season	Pre-filled (limited quantity) and fill your own
Redwood City (uninc.)	Grant Corporation Yard 752 Chestnut St. By reservation only, Tuesday to Friday, 8 am to 12 pm. Link for reservations: Pre-Made Sandbag Reservations at Grant Corp Yard ONLY	15 per winter season	Pre-filled (limited quantity) and fill your own

Looking for a city or town instead? See the full list below.

Sandbag locations by city and town

Currently confirmed as of October 6, 2026

City or Town	Locations and Hours	Limit	Bags
Atherton	Holbrook-Palmer Park 150 Watkins Ave, Atherton, CA 94027 Daily, 6:30 am to 6:30 pm	No limit	Fill your own

City or Town	Locations and Hours	Limit	Bags
Belmont	City Hall parking lot 1 Twin Pines Lane Public Works Corporation Yard 110 Sem Lane Barrett Community Center parking lot 1835 Belburn Drive Close to the Ralston Ave entrance More information: https://www.belmont.gov/departments/public-works/sandbags	10 per residence	Fill your own
Brisbane	City Hall parking lot, self-service station 50 Park Place 24/7	10 bags, residents only	Pre-filled
Burlingame	Sandbag Station 600 California Drive Monitored and stocked Monday to Friday, 7:30 am to 3 pm More information: https://burlingame.org/935/Sandbags	15	Fill your own
Colma	Colma Corporation Yard 601 F Street Monday to Friday, 6:30 am to 3 pm Please call (650) 757-8888 to ensure the gate is opened before you arrive.	No limit	Fill your own
Daly City	Daly City Public Works 798 Niantic Ave, Daly City, CA 94014 Monday to Friday, 7 am to 3 pm More information: https://dalycity.org/	10	Fill your own
East Palo Alto	Public Works Corporation Yard 150 Tara Road, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 (across from Bay Road) 24/7. Restocked every weekday morning starting October 15th Bring your own gloves. Sand, empty bags, and shovels are provided while supplies last. Questions: (650) 853-3100, ask for Maintenance Division. More information: https://www.ci.east-palo-alto.ca.us/publicworks/page/storm-and-flood-protection-preparation	10 per resident	Fill your own

City or Town	Locations and Hours	Limit	Bags
Foster City	City Hall Parking Lot 610 Foster City Blvd 24/7	10 per car	Fill your own
Half Moon Bay	Sandbag Station 110 Higgins Canyon Road 24/7	No limit	Fill your own
Hillsborough	Walnut Lot 1600 Floribunda Ave Delivery of up to 10 sandbags is available with 2 weeks notice. Call (650) 375-7444.	No limit	Pre-filled
Menlo Park	Fire Station No. 77 1467 Chilco St Burgess Park Parking lot Alma St at Burgess Dr Temporary Pop-Up: Pope St. Island 222 Laurel Ave More information: https://www.menlopark.gov/Government/Departments/City-Managers-Office/Emergency-Disaster-Preparedness/Hazards-and-emergencies/Storms-and-flooding/Sandbags	Not specified	Fill your own
Millbrae	Taylor Middle School Parking Lot (Minorca Way) 850 Taylor Blvd, Millbrae, CA 94030 24 hours	Not specified	Fill your own
Pacifica	Council Chambers Parking Lot 2212 Beach Boulevard 24 hours Linda Mar Fire Station 1100 Linda Mar Boulevard 24 hours More information: https://www.cityofpacifica.org/departments/public-works/field-services/streets/sandbags	15 per resident	Fill your own

City or Town	Locations and Hours	Limit	Bags
Portola Valley	Portola Valley Town Center Southern driveway, across from the basketball courts 24/7 More information: https://www.portolavalley.net/for-residents/public-works/sandbag-station-at-town-center	Residents only. Not for commercial or contractor use.	Fill your own
Redwood City	Sandbag Station 1400 Broadway 24/7, starting mid-October Sandbag Station 2600 Middlefield Road 24/7, starting mid-October	24	Fill your own
San Bruno	Self-Serve Sand Pile, Bags, and Shovels 555 El Camino Real 24 hours Sandbag Station 225 Huntington Avenue Monday to Thursday, 7 am to 4 pm	Pre-made bags: 10 per resident or San Bruno business owner, with proof of residency or business ownership. Self-serve at 555 El Camino Real: no strict limit and no proof required.	Pre-filled and fill your own
San Carlos	Parking Lot Sand Pile 1000 Bransten Rd, San Carlos, CA 94070 24/7 after opening day (TBD)	10	Fill your own
San Mateo	Corporation Yard 1949 Pacific Blvd Beresford Park Parking Lot 2720 Alameda de las Pulgas Anchor Road and Bay Trail Parking Lot Anchor Rd at 3rd Ave / J. Hart Clinton Drive More information: https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/4750/Sandbag-Information	10	Fill your own

City or Town	Locations and Hours	Limit	Bags
South San Francisco	Maintenance Corporation Yard 550 N. Canal Street, South San Francisco, CA 94080 More information: https://www.ssfca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Storm-Preparation-Tips	10	Fill your own
Woodside	Woodside Town Hall 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062 Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm	Residents only	Fill your own

Proper disposal of used sandbags

Dispose of empty sandbags in residential trash containers at the end of the season. Sand may be used in common lawn and garden applications.

Hours, limits, and availability can change. Check your city or town's website or call before you go. Location information was provided by each city and town and by San Mateo County.

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