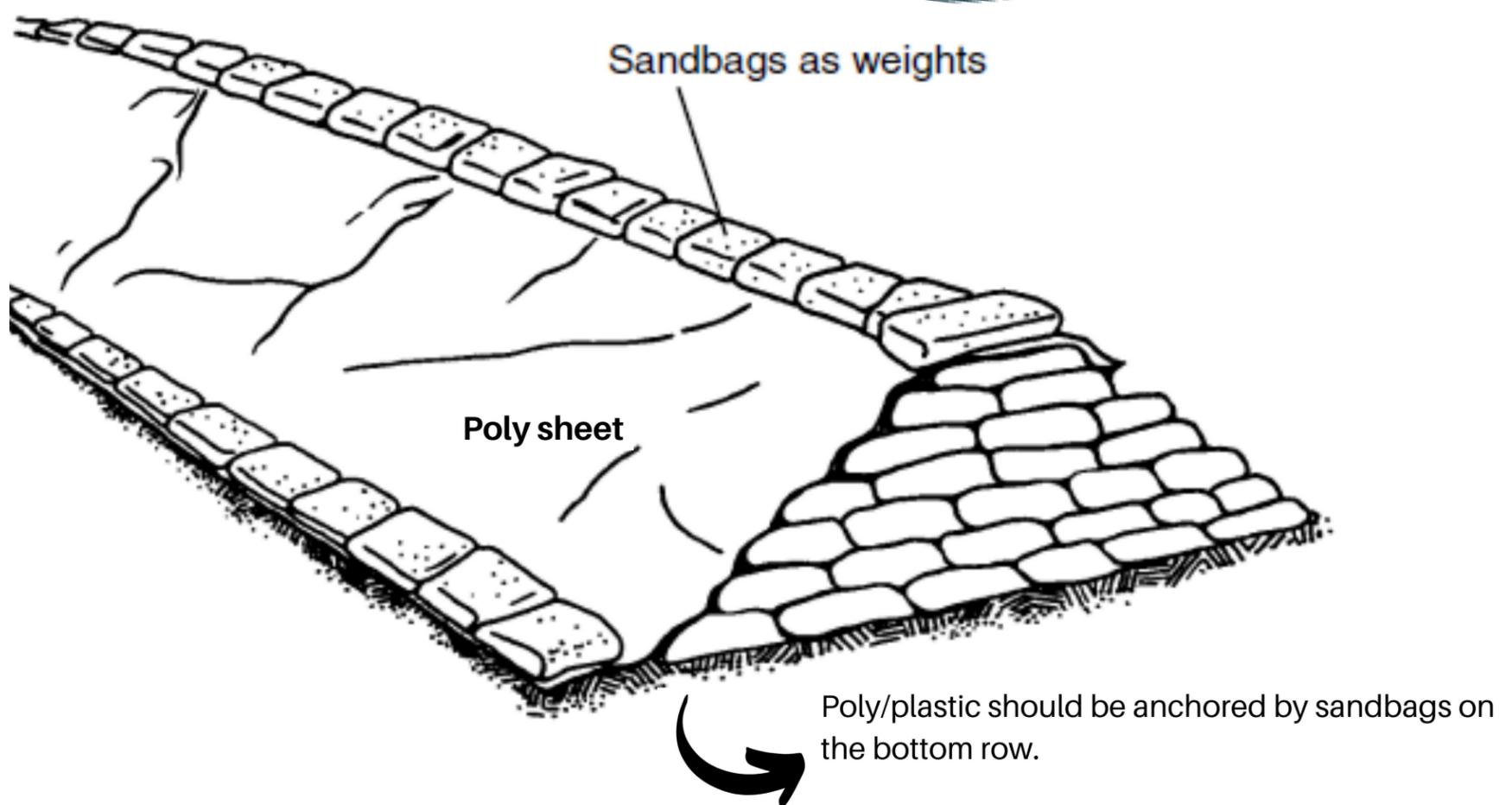
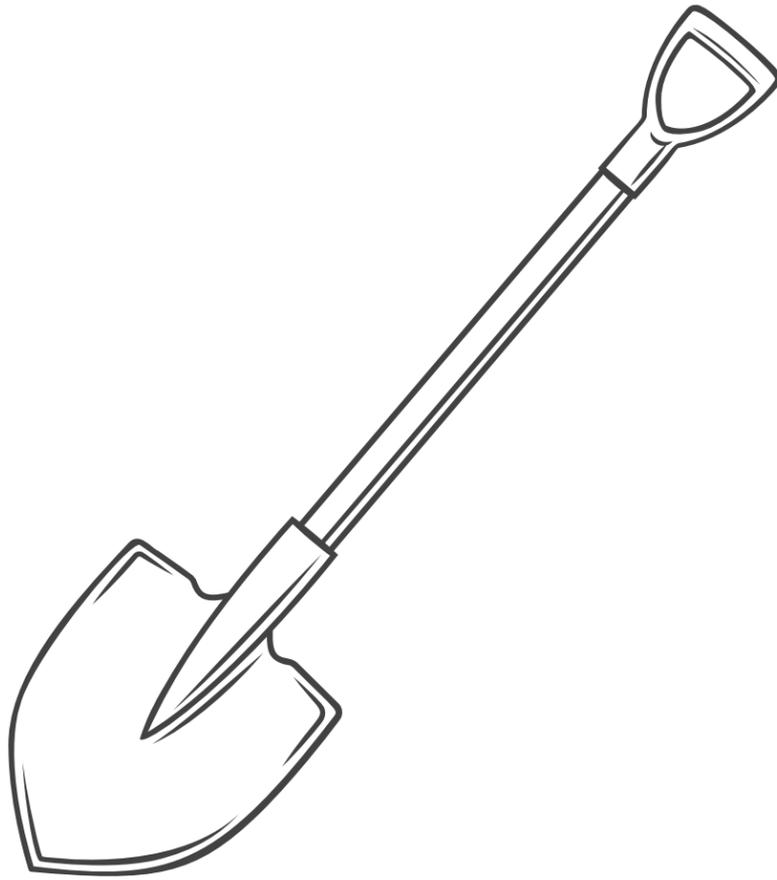


# How to build a sandbag berm



1. Fill sandbags 60 percent full.
2. Build your berm at the highest, driest point closest to your home. Do not build on decks, patios, fences, planters, gardens or any other platform.
3. Dig a trench one bag deep and two bags wide.
4. Build the bottom layer of the berm. Overlap the empty part of each sandbag with the full part of the next bag.
5. Carefully walk on sandbags to secure them in place.
6. Build more layers, placing each layer of sandbags in alternating directions. The berm should be triangle-shaped. The base should be wider than the height.
7. Use a poly sheet to waterproof the side facing the water. Secure the top and bottom of the sheet with sandbags.

# How to fill a sandbag



Use sandbags to help protect your property against floods.

To fill a sandbag:

1. Hold the sandbag open. If you're filling sandbags alone, insert a hoop in the mouth of the sandbag to hold it open.
2. Use a shovel to fill the sandbag with sand.
3. Only fill sandbags 60% full.
4. Close the sandbag with a twist tie or rope.