

# PIG Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: Can PIG Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers be reused?

A: We recommend these Flood Bags & Barriers as a one-time activation. Once fully activated, they will remain active until the water completely evaporates, which typically takes many months. If left in place while still activated, these products will continue to block and divert. If left in position, they will shrink while evaporating and grow when re-exposed to water.

### Q: Can PIG Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers be used with salt water?

A: No, Flood bags & Barriers cannot be used with saltwater. Do NOT use around salt water, lime or calcium; these will cause the inner absorbent to release the water and deflate the product.

### Q: How long do PIG Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers last?

A: **Un-activated:** Indefinite life span as long as kept dry, store in their closed package until needed.

**Activated:** If left in position, they can divert or contain for at least 6-12 months.

### Q: Can I drive over PIG Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers?

A: No! Do not ever drive over activated or un-activated Flood Bags & Barriers as this will damage the product. Also, do not drag activated or un-activated Flood Bags & Barriers when putting in position as this will damage the product.

### Q: Do I have to pre-activate the PIG Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers?

A: Depending on your situation, you may need to pre-activate them or let the wet weather activate them. Un-activated Flood Bags & Barriers can be placed in position and wait for water to arrive. If a current of water is expected, partially activating them is recommended so that they don't float away. If building a retaining wall is desired, pre-soaking & stacking them is recommended.

### Q: How should I position PIG Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers?

A: Flood Barriers contain a wedge to prevent them from rolling. When laying in position, be sure to place the "mini channel" away from flooding water. This will assure that as it grows, it acts as a wedge to secure in position. Ideally, place Flood Bags & Barriers outdoors in the path of problem water & divert it before it becomes a problem. Do not drag activated or un-activated Flood Bags & Barriers when putting in position as this will damage the product.

### Q: I noticed some white crystals on the outside of the PIG Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers after activation. Is that normal?

A: Yes, this is normal. Flood Bags & Barriers contain a super absorbent polymer (SAP) that absorbs water. During our manufacturing process, the needles can pull the SAP through the stitched seam which will

cause crystals to appear the first time you activate the product. The activated SAP will wash away with water and degrade over time. SAP is non-toxic & non-hazardous. You may also notice a slimy feel on the Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers. This is also normal. SAP can degrade over time leaving the product feeling slimy. Simply wash or wipe it off.

### Q: Can PIG Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers be used indoors and outdoors?

A: Yes, they can, although they will be wet and potentially slippery. Be careful when leaving them on floors that are susceptible to water damage. You do not want to create a slip hazard on indoor floors.

### Q: What stops PIG Water-Activated Flood Barriers from rolling away?

A: Water-Activated Flood Barriers have an extra wedge stitched along the length that acts as a wedge & prevents them from rolling away.

### Q: Can PIG Water-Activated Flood Bags protect against water higher than 3.5"?

A: Water-Activated Flood Bags can be stacked 3 high in a brick formation. If you need to go higher, widen the base like a pyramid formation. The higher you need the wall height, the thicker the base should be. Stacking straight up will create an unstable base and they may slide off. Please see instructions for more details.

### Q: Will PIG Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers leak water?

A: Flood Bags & Barriers will absorb, swell and gel, creating a barrier. If the surface is uneven, seepage may occur. If large amounts of water are expected, double layers or stacking may be necessary to prevent leakage. Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers are not a solution for every water application.

### Q: Will PIG Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers float?

A: Until they are activated, they can float on the water. Pre-activating and stacking them may be necessary. Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers should always be stacked higher than the water to avoid floatation.

### Q: Can PIG Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers be used in the winter/snow? Will they freeze?

A: Yes, they can be used in the winter/snow. Make sure they are fully activated before freezing temperatures occur to assure maximum protection when the snow is melting. We do not recommend moving them while frozen to prevent any tearing of the outer material. Also, salt on the roads should not come in contact with Flood Bags & Barriers.

### Q: Can I cut my PIG Water-Activated Flood Bags & Barriers?

A: No. These are not meant to be cut as it will destroy the integrity of the product.



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