



Thank you for your purchase from the Bean Bags Australia store, or from Foam Home & The Bean Bag Factory. Please read carefully all of the information provided here before filling and using your new bean-filled furniture.



about your bean bag...

What do I fill the bean bags with?

Bean bags are usually filled with a product called expanded polystyrene (EPS) beans (or beads). This is because of their price, weight, softness and resistance to crushing. The unique qualities of EPS beans are what give a comfortable and adjustable characteristic to bean filled furniture. Some people have tried seeds, dried beans, corn and even packed the bean bag with leaves, but these are usually too hard to be comfortable or too heavy for the fabric of the bag to contain.

The EPS beans that are made and sold in Australia have a fire retardant additive so that they are non-flammable. The beans are non-toxic but can present a choking hazard to small children or animals if inhaled or swallowed. This is why regulations in Australia require that child-proof measures like lockable zips be used in the manufacture of bean bags.

Does Bean Bags Australia sell bean filling online?

No, sorry we don't. This is because it is very expensive to ship polystyrene beans in the small quantities you need to fill a bean bag. The beans weigh basically nothing but their cubic volume is calculated for shipping making it uneconomical to supply with the cover.

We recommend either having your bean bags filled at your closest bean bag shop, or obtaining EPS beans which are commonly sold in 500gm (100L) bags from the major retail chains who sell them around Australia.

Bean filling can be purchased from:

K-Mart, Big W and Target.

A filling service is also provided by:

The Bean Bag Factory

Unit 5, 43 Hutton Street

Osborne Park, Western Australia

Telephone: (08) 9244 1274

Email: sales@fhandbbf.com.au

Bean bags from the Bean Bags Australia online store are also available filled from Foam Home & The Bean Bag Factory.

HOW TO FILL YOUR BEAN BAG FURNITURE

Our bean furniture are fitted with lockable zips that comply with Australian Safety Standards to prevent access by children. The beans could be harmful if inhaled or ingested by children or animals but otherwise are non-toxic.

The instructions below will probably take longer to read than to do the deed, but please read them carefully first to make this as easy as it should be.



IMPORTANT, before you start...

Please ensure that children and pets are not in the area where you are going to fill your bean bag.

Find an assistant - it is much easier if you can get a friend to help you. *See “ Recommended filling volumes..” on the last page.

You will need:

- a bucket to scoop up any beans spilled.
- a sack or a bag with no holes in it if you wish to store the beans (inside-out pillow slips are ideal),
- a vacuum cleaner and a dustpan with broom to clean up any beans spilled.
- The use of a draught-free area like the bathroom. The bathtub is ideal for catching any spillage, but a shower recess will do - just somewhere where you can contain the beans if you spill any. Make sure you plug the bath or cover the drain in the shower recess to prevent the beans going down the drain.

With the bean bag or chair upside-down, open the zip as shown in the pictures below:



How to empty the bag bag

1. Once the inner zip is open, choke the chute with your hand to prevent the beans pouring out and turn the bag right way up so the beans will flow down to the chute in your hand.
2. Ensure you have a bag large enough, or enough bags to store the volume of beans in your bean bag.
3. With a friend holding the storage bag open over the bathtub, position the chute into the receiving bag and release your grip on the neck of the chute to allow the beans to flow down.
4. As the beans fill near to the top of the receiving bag, choke the chute again to stop the flow.
5. Close the outer and inner zippers of your bean bag to prevent any left over beans or polystyrene crumbs from coming out.
6. Securely tie-off the storage bag with a twist tie or something similar and store where children cannot access it.

How long do the beans last?

This depends greatly on how you use the bean bag, but based on our experience of 15 years in the bean bag business, typically with daily use you can expect to get 12 months to 2 years of use from the original filling. Then, when the beans have reduced or flattened down in your bag and it is not as comfortable as it usually is, a simple top-up with EPS beans of around 25-50% of the volume of the bag may be required.

How to top up your bean bag

1. Having unzipped both zippers and with the bag upside-down, hold the chute of the bag open with both hands.
2. Cut the corner off the plastic bag with scissors to create a makeshift "spout".
3. Have your assistant clasp the corner of the bag closed until ready to pour and turn the filling bag upside-down so the "spout" of the bag is inside the filling chute of the bean bag.

4. Then, get your assistant to carefully release their grip on the corner of the bag containing the beans so that the beans start to pour down through the bean bag chute into the bean bag.
5. Don't over-fill! Leave room at the top of the bag so that the beans can move when you sit on the bag. If you are not sure, you can close the zip and turn the bag over to try it out and repeat the process until it is filled enough and comfortable to sit on.
6. Keep your eye on the bean bag filling up and have your friend pinch the spout of the filling bag when ready to stop.
7. When filled to requirement, use the paperclip to close the outer and inner zips tight and then remove the paperclip. The zipper heads will automatically lock when paperclip is removed.
8. If any beans are left in your filling bag, securely tie the top and store where children cannot access it.

Filling bean bags with an internal liner bag

Some bean bags are provided with an internal liner bag. You can disregard this part if your bean bag did not come with a liner.

1. Put the empty liner inside the bag cover and arrange it so that the zipper on the liner is at the filling end and is in line with the external zipper.
2. Hold the liner open (it's easier if you have someone help you with this).
3. Pour the beans from the filling bag into the liner until nearly full.
4. Zip up liner, turn bag over and test to see if it is filled to correct level. This will depend on your comfort level, but you should be sitting comfortably on beans and not the floor. Do not overfill, otherwise the bean bag will not take on your shape and will be too hard. To unzip the liner, insert a paper clip in the hole of the slider to unlock the slider.
5. When bag is filled to your satisfaction, turn over and close the outer zip as far as it will go.
6. If you do need to adjust the fill, use a straightened paper clip and insert it into tag.

Recommended filling volumes for bean furniture models available from the Bean Bags Australia online store:

100L is equivalent to approximately 3.5 cubic feet or 500gm in beans.

PLEASE NOTE: Not all models shown below may be currently available on the Bean Bags Australia website.

Classic XL (King Size) soft polyester bean bag: 250L
Comfy Chair artificial leather: 300L
Comfy Chair (stretch): 350L
Comfy Chair (soft polyester): 350L
Dreamy double bean bag (artificial leather or polyester): 600L
Dreamy stretch double bean bag: 700L
Fruity bean bag: 200L
Heart ottoman: 450L
Kids Bean Bed: 200L
Kids Wallow convertible chair: 100L
Kids Sofa chair: 100L
Kids Denim Monkey Chair: 150L
Oasis XL outdoor nylon mesh bean bag: 300L (250L if using in pool)
Puffy King Size deluxe artificial leather bean bag: 400L
Puffy Queen Size deluxe artificial leather bean bag: 300L
Smart Gamer chair (artificial leather or polyester): 250L
Smiley bean bag: 150L
Soccer Ball (artificial leather): 300L
Sports Club Chair King Size (polyester or art. leather): 350L
Sports Club Chair Queen Size (polyester only): 250L
Sports Club Chair Kids: 100L
Stretch Classic King Size: 450L
Stretch Classic Queen Size: 300L
Toddler Bean Bag: 150L
Toddler Stretch Bean Bag: 150L
Tongue polyester: 400L
Tongue stretch recliner: 450L
Twin Comfy Sofa Lounge: 600L
Twin Wallow two seater convertible couch (art. leather or polyester): 500L
Twin Wallow Stretch two seater convertible couch: 600L
Wallow convertible chair (artificial leather or polyester): 250L
Wallow Stretch convertible chair: 300L
Whisper Lips Sofa (stretch): 500L

Foot Stools:

Cube: 50L

Cylinder: 50L

Cushions:

Smile! : 40L

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR BEAN BAG...

Your bean bag is made from specially selected, high quality material. To get the maximum life out of your bean bag please read the following information carefully...

- As applies to most synthetic materials, avoid contact with thinners, turpentine, kerosene, or any other industrial solvents.
- DO NOT LEAVE EXPOSED IN SUNLIGHT FOR EXTENDED PERIODS – We use high quality materials but all fabrics may fade or deteriorate with extended exposure to UV light or heat. To ensure a long life, keep your bean bag under cover from sunlight and weather when not in use.
- It probably is stating the obvious, but please keep sharp objects away from your bean bag, like knives and forks, scissors, or pens in your back pocket!
- Always supervise children when they are on or near your bean bag. Children have an amazing ability to discover the limits of endurance for any product, even ours! We advise that children or stuntmen should not jump on the bags – they are not designed for this purpose!
- Never put your bean bag next to a naked flame, such as: a fireplace, a gas heater, electric radiator, burning cigarettes, burning incense, magnifying glasses under the sun, working fondue sets, candles, etc. – basically anything that can burn your bean bag. The beans sold in Australia have flame-retardant added, so they will only smoulder and not catch fire, but a burn hole in the fabric can be impossible to fix.

CLEANING TIPS

- Before attempting any cleaning method, always spot test in an inconspicuous place like on the bottom of the bean bag to make sure that there is no dye run from your cloth or sponge, and to check that the soap you are using is fabric and colour safe to use.
- For spills or other food stains: Wash immediately with a damp cloth moistened (not soaking) with mild soapy water. If stain is still visible, let dry and repeat process until stain is removed. Pat dry with a clean towel.
- A citric based goo remover is good for things like chewing gum and some wax-based products but we cannot guarantee that the acid will not affect the dye in the fabric, so spot test underneath first! After applying the goo remover, wash out with mild soapy water and a soft clean cloth or flannel.
- If you have a problem with a stain or damage to your bean bag, please contact us for advice on (08) 9244 2600 (WST Mon – Fri; 9.00am to 4.30pm), or by email on info@beanbagsaustralia.com.au

More Questions?

If you have any queries or comments regarding our bags please feel free to contact us by:



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