



Calvert County NEWS

175 Main Street
Courthouse
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678
Phone: 410-535-4583 • 301-855-1880
www.co.cal.md.us

Board of Commissioners

Mike Hart
Tom Hejl
Pat Nutter
Evan K. Slaughenhoupt Jr.
Steven R. Weems

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: Oct. 1, 2015
Contact: Mark Volland, Marketing/Communications Specialist
410-535-4583 Email: vollanrm@co.cal.md.us
Angela Walters, Public Information Specialist
410-535-4583 Email: walteram@co.cal.md.us

Calvert County Department of Public Safety Offers Hurricane Preparedness Tips *Officials Closely Watch Hurricane Joaquin to Determine Potential Local Impacts*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Oct. 1, 2015 – As Calvert County prepares for the one-two punch of a nor'easter and Hurricane Joaquin, the Calvert County Department of Public Safety encourages residents to review emergency preparedness procedures in the event the storms pose a risk for the region. Residents should consider the following actions to be prepared when a potentially dangerous storm threatens.

- Stay tuned to radio and TV stations for official weather information.
- Follow instructions and advice given by emergency officials.
- Stay indoors during the hurricane and away from windows and glass doors.
- Close all interior doors; secure and brace external doors.
- Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway on the lowest level.
- Avoid using the phone except in the case of emergencies.
- Avoid elevators.
- If you live in a mobile home, plan to leave. Mobile homes are unsafe in high winds.
- Do not attempt to evacuate during the height of a hurricane. You are safer in your home than out on the road.
- Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purposes such as for cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill a bathtub or other large container with water. This is important for those whose water runs off of an electrical system.

Calvert County Department of Public Safety Offers Hurricane Preparedness Tips

Oct. 1, 2015

Page 2

- Fill your automobiles with gas.
- Have cash on hand in case the power is out and ATMs and other electronic payment methods are not working.

After the Storm

- Stay away from downed or dangling power lines.
- Beware of weakened tree limbs.
- Open windows and doors to ventilate your house.
- Use your phone only in emergencies.
- Do not drive into water of unknown depth.
- Restrict children from playing in flooded areas.
- Do not use fresh food that has come in contact with flood waters.
- Wells should be pumped out and the water tested before drinking.

To stay informed about local conditions and emergency information, residents are encouraged to sign up for Calvert County ALERT to receive timely information about various emergency and nonemergency situations. To sign up, visit <http://www.co.cal.md.us> and click on the Emergency Alerts button. Residents are also encouraged to “like” the county’s [Facebook](#) page or download the free “Prepare Me Calvert” emergency preparedness mobile application now available for iOS (Apple) and Android devices through the Apple App Store or the Google Play market. Those without Internet can contact the Calvert County Division of Emergency Management at 410-535-1600, ext. 2638, to sign up or for additional emergency preparedness information.

Further hurricane preparedness information is available through the Maryland Emergency Management Agency online at www.mema.state.md.us. For the most up-to-date forecasts on the track of the storm, visit the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov. Questions or requests for information can also be sent by email to uem@co.cal.md.us. For information on Calvert County Government, visit www.co.cal.md.us or like us on [Facebook](#).

###

Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to nearly 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.