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Centers Offer Warm, Dry Place for Residents if Needed

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Jan. 29, 2019 – With freezing temperatures expected over the next several days, there are several places residents can go to stay warm. The county's community centers will be open during regular hours and safe drinking water is available in each of them. Residents who need to take refuge in a warm place can go to one of the following locations:

Harriet E. Brown Community Center

901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick
Open Sunday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m.

Northeast Community Center

4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach
Open Sunday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m.

Mt. Hope Community Center

100 Pushaw Station Road, Sunderland
Open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m.

Southern Community Center

20 Appeal Lane, Lusby
Open Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Sunday

Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center

130 Auto Drive, Prince Frederick
Open Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

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During extreme cold weather events, the primary concern is the potential loss of heat, power, telephone service and a shortage of supplies if storm or weather conditions continue for more than one day.

Residents should have the following items available:

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-operated NOAA weather radio and portable radio to receive emergency information; these may be your only links to the outside
- Extra food and water; high-energy food and food requiring no cooking or refrigeration is best
- Extra medicine and baby items
- First aid supplies
- Heating fuel
- Emergency heating source (fireplace, wood stove, space heater, etc.)
- Fire extinguisher and smoke detector

If travel or outside activity is required, citizens should:

- Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat.
- Watch for frostbite. Symptoms include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
- Watch for hypothermia. Symptoms include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. If symptoms are detected, get the victim to a warm location, remove wet clothing, warm the center of the body first and give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Get medical help immediately.
- Citizens are urged to bring their pets inside for the duration weather event.

Residents are encouraged to consider family members or neighbors with special needs and assist them in preparing for the winter weather. To stay informed on the approaching weather event, residents should monitor local television channels, radio stations and the internet. The Calvert County Government website at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov and [Facebook](#) page will have updates on local preparations and county government closures should they become necessary.

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