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### **Public Safety Urges Citizens to Prepare for Tropical Storm**

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – July 7, 2021** – As Tropical Storm Elsa approaches the Mid-Atlantic, the Calvert County Department of Public Safety advises citizens that a tropical storm watch has been issued by the National Weather Service for Calvert County. Tropical storm-force winds of 35-40 mph with gusts up to 39 mph are possible in the area within the next 48 hours.

Calvert County is at risk for strong winds, heavy rain, inland flooding and other severe weather. Rough surf and rip currents are expected. Strongest winds are expected to begin the evening of Thursday, July 8. Impacts could potentially cause power outages, downed trees and other debris, limited damage to buildings, flash flooding and localized storm surge.

Residents are urged to prepare now for potential impacts, including power outages. Residents should have spare batteries for flashlights and radios, and enough shelf-stable food, drinking water and medication to last three to five days. Fill a bathtub or large container with water for sanitary purposes such as for cleaning and flushing toilets; this is important for those whose water runs on an electrical system.

It is important to stay informed through official channels, as information may change rapidly. Stay tuned to local radio and TV stations for official weather information, alerts and warnings; follow instructions and advice given by emergency officials.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed and prepared in the event of an emergency by visiting [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/BeAwarePrepare](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/BeAwarePrepare) and signing up for Calvert County ALERT to receive timely information about various emergency and non-emergency situations in the county.

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The Department of Public Safety also offers a free “Calvert Prepare” app to put critical information at users’ fingertips in the event of a regional emergency and helps residents stay prepared. Those without internet can contact the Calvert County Division of Emergency Management at 410-535-1600, ext. 2638, to sign up for additional emergency preparedness information. To view more emergency-planning tips and information visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

Updates will appear on the Calvert County Government website, [www.CalvertCountyMd.gov](http://www.CalvertCountyMd.gov), Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd](https://www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd) and Comcast channel 6/1070 HD.

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