



Calvert County NEWS

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Media Advisory: Storm Cleanup Information *Calvert County Department of Public Safety Offers Preparedness Tips*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – July 2, 2012 –Calvert County is working to clean up after a storm passed over the region on Friday, June 29, and into the early morning hours of June 30.

Green tree debris is being accepted at the Appeal landfill at no charge to county residents through July 22. Residents may drop off debris on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sundays from noon to 7 p.m.; and Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. County workers will not be picking up debris from the roadside. Construction, household or other storm-related debris will be subject to regular landfill fees.

All county parks and community centers are now open for regular hours. The following community centers can be used as cooling stations if needed:

Northeast Community Center

4075 Gordon Stinnett Avenue, Chesapeake Beach

Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Mount Hope Community Center

100 Pushaw Station Road, Sunderland

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Southern Community Center

20 Appeal Lane, Lusby

Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center

130 Auto Drive, Prince Frederick

Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In the summer months, storms can crop up with little notice. Residents should be prepared at all times and consider the following actions in case these potentially dangerous storms threaten:

If Storms Approach

- Most mobile/manufactured homes are not built to withstand hurricane-force winds. Residents of these homes should relocate to safer structures if an evacuation order is issued.
- Secure lawn furniture and other outside objects that could become projectiles in high winds.
- Listen carefully for safety instructions from local officials. Monitor a NOAA weather radio.

During Storms

- Stay inside and away from windows, skylights and doors.
- Listen to a battery-powered radio for storm updates.
- Have flashlights/batteries handy and avoid open flames and candles.
- If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce damage when power is restored.

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After Storms

- Stay away from downed or dangling 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.
- Stay away from downed power lines.
- Do not use fresh food that has come in contact with flood waters.
- Pump out wells and have the water tested before drinking.

If you have questions about hurricanes or other disaster preparedness, please contact the Calvert County Division of Emergency Management at 410-535-1600, ext 2638, or email oem@co.cal.md.us. Further storm preparedness information is available through the Maryland Emergency Management Agency online at www.mema.state.md.us.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to over 92,000 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.