



# Calvert County NEWS

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Calvert County Commissioners Recommend Voluntary Evacuation of Homes Along Cliff and Low-Lying, Flood-Prone Areas** *County Shelters Available for Those Needing to Relocate*

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Oct. 28, 2012** – The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners recommend that Calvert County citizens who live within 100 feet of the Cliffs of Calvert or homes located in low-lying, flood-prone areas consider voluntary evacuations of their homes due to the potential impacts of Hurricane Sandy.

There may be a point during the height of the storm that emergency services may not be able to reach affected residents if they need assistance.

The storm brings the potential for high winds, heavy rain and large battering waves in the bay that may pose a danger for unstable cliff areas. Calvert County residents who live in low-lying areas are also urged to secure their properties and relocate until the storm passes.

A temporary shelter will open at 3:00 p.m. today at Huntingtown High School, 4125 Solomons Island Rd. (Route 2/4), Huntingtown. There is a pet shelter in the field house behind Huntingtown High School. Any animal that can be confined in a carrier will be accepted. Owners must provide food, water bowls, medications and proof of immunizations. Pet owners will shelter in the gymnasium of Huntingtown High School but must be responsible for the care of their animals. Residents who need to relocate should follow these procedures:

- DO NOT dial 911 unless you have a life-threatening emergency.
- Gather items you will need to take with you.
- Turn off lights and appliances (except refrigerators and freezers).

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- Close and lock windows and doors.
- Use your own vehicle to evacuate. Offer rides to neighbors who may not have transportation.
- If you need a ride or special assistance, call 410-535-0396 or 410-535-0314.

### Relocation Supplies Checklist

- Medical supplies (prescriptions, other medication, first aid kit)
- Money (cash, checkbook, credit cards, important personal and financial documents)
- Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, soap, shaving supplies, eye care supplies, washcloth, towels)
- Clothing
- Baby supplies (formula, diapers, favorite toys)
- Blankets, sleeping bags, pillows
- Portable radio and batteries
- Special diet food if you have a special diet
- Road maps
- Non-perishable food
- Bottled water

Residents should tune to local radio and TV stations, to the county website at [www.co.cal.md.us](http://www.co.cal.md.us) or to Comcast channel 6 for the latest information on the storm.

The county has established rumor control numbers and can be reached at 410-535-0396 or 410-535-0314. These lines will be staffed until the immediate event passes. During regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), call 410-535-1600, ext. 2638. Questions or requests for information can also be sent by email to [oem@co.cal.md.us](mailto:oem@co.cal.md.us).

Visit the Calvert County Government website at [www.co.cal.md.us](http://www.co.cal.md.us) for updates. Further hurricane preparedness information is available through the Maryland Emergency Management Agency online at [www.mema.state.md.us](http://www.mema.state.md.us). For the most up-to-date forecasts on the track of Hurricane Sandy, visit the National Weather Service at [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov).

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*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.*