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Calvert County Government Urges Preparations During Weather Warning

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Jan. 17, 2013 – The National Weather Service has announced a winter storm warning for the region, and Calvert County government urges citizens to be prepared for snowfall.

Citizens are encouraged to avoid traveling during the storm unless it is an emergency. This will allow crews to more easily clear area roads. If residents must travel, they should ensure the gas tank is full and carry survival items including a mobile phone, blankets, flashlight/batteries, food, water and a shovel.

In the event of snowfall, primary concerns are the potential loss of heat, power, telephone service, and a shortage of supplies. 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

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- Heating fuel
- Emergency heating source (fireplace, wood stove, space heater, etc.)
- Fire extinguisher and smoke detector
- Standard, plug-in phone

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.

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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.