



# Calvert County NEWS

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### **Calvert County Government Urges Preparations for Winter Weather**

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Dec. 10, 2013** – The Calvert County Division of Emergency Management urges citizens to be prepared for winter weather as forecasts call for colder than normal temperatures.

Winter in Southern Maryland has the potential for strong, blizzard-like winds, extreme cold and heavy accumulations of ice and snow that can disrupt power and communications as well as impede emergency and medical services. Primary concerns are the potential loss of heat, power and telephone service, and a shortage of supplies if storm conditions continue for more than one day.

Citizens are encouraged to avoid traveling during winter storms 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.

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 winter weather.

To stay informed on approaching weather events, residents should monitor local television channels, radio stations and the Internet. For more information on local preparedness, contact the Calvert County Division of Emergency Management at 410-535-1600, ext. 2638 or e-mail [oem@co.cal.md.us](mailto:oem@co.cal.md.us).

For further weather-related updates, visit the county government website at [www.co.cal.md.us](http://www.co.cal.md.us) and on the county [Facebook](#) page.

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