



# Calvert County NEWS

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

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Feb. 12, 2014** – Calvert County government urges citizens to be prepared for cold weather and possible snow accumulation this week.

Prepare your home for a potential loss of power by making flashlights and extra batteries readily available, as well as a NOAA weather radio. Stock emergency supplies of baby items, medicines, extra food and water. Keep extra heating fuel nearby and maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters. Have an emergency heating source ready with firewood at hand.

If possible, stay off icy and snowy roads. If travel is absolutely necessary, give yourself extra time to drive slowly if road conditions are poor. Stay away from snow plows and salt trucks. Keep extra supplies in your car like water bottles, snacks, a shovel and extra blankets in case you are stranded. Keep a mobile phone and charger with you, and make sure the gas tank is full.

To stay updated on county events, sign up for the Calvert County ALERT system, which can notify citizens and businesses about various emergency and nonemergency situations.

Messages can be sent to individuals using a variety of contact methods – cell phone, landline, email, text messaging, fax, pager and more – ensuring that residents and county staff can receive life-saving emergency information and important public service announcements in minutes. More than one of each device can be registered.

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The system allows users to choose different types of messages they wish to receive. Users can change their profiles or opt out of the system at any time.

Residents are urged to visit the county website at [www.co.cal.md.us](http://www.co.cal.md.us) and click on the Emergency Alerts link to register for the notification service. Those without Internet access can call 410-535-1600, ext. 2638, to sign up.

To learn more about emergency preparedness, visit the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, online at [www.co.cal.md.us/emergencymanagement](http://www.co.cal.md.us/emergencymanagement).

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. The Calvert County government website at [www.co.cal.md.us](http://www.co.cal.md.us) and [Facebook](#) page will have updates on local preparations and county government closures should they become necessary.

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*Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to over 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. There are more than 4,000 businesses in the County and a labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.*