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Community Centers Offer Warm, Dry Place for Residents if Needed

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Jan. 6, 2015 – With freezing temperatures expected throughout today, tomorrow and Thursday, there are several places residents can go to get warm. The county's community centers will be open during regular hours and safe drinking water is available in each of them. Residents who need to take refuge from the cold can go to one of the following locations:

Northeast Community Center

4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach
Open Sunday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Mount Hope Community Center

100 Pushaw Station Road, Sunderland
Open Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., and Sunday, noon-6 p.m.

Southern Community Center

20 Appeal Lane, Lusby
Open Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Sunday

Edward T. Hall Aquatic Center

130 Auto Drive, Prince Frederick
Open Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

During extreme cold weather events, the primary concern is the potential loss of heat, power, telephone service or a shortage of supplies if storm or weather conditions continue.

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Residents should have the following items available in their homes during cold weather:

- 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
- Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects.
- Heating fuel
- Emergency heating source (fireplace, wood stove, space heater, etc.)
- Fire extinguisher and smoke detector

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 Web site at 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 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.