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Calvert County Officials Urge Awareness During Atlantic Hurricane Season

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – June 2, 2017 – The Atlantic hurricane season is underway and the Calvert County Division of Emergency Management is teaming with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) to promote citizen awareness and preparedness.

The Atlantic hurricane season lasts from June to November but most hurricane-like weather is seen between mid-August and late October. Calvert County is at risk for strong winds, heavy rain, inland flooding and other severe weather. Residents can be “weather ready” by ensuring they know how to get a warning, have a plan and practice safety tips.

The NWS reports that in Maryland it is possible to see hurricanes or hurricane-like activity during the summer. NWS notes that damage to coastlines and destruction several hundred miles inland is possible with these tropical storms. Hurricanes can produce up to 150 mile-per-hour winds, devastating high tides, flooding from torrential rain and even tornadoes.

Residents can also take actions to remain safe by practicing the following tips:

- Stay tuned to radio and TV stations for official weather information.
- Follow instructions and advice given by emergency officials.
- Stay indoors during the hurricane and away from windows and glass doors.
- Close all interior doors; secure and brace external doors.
- Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway on the lowest level.

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- Avoid using the phone except in the case of emergencies.
- Avoid elevators.
- If you live in a mobile home, plan to leave. Mobile homes are unsafe in high winds.
- Do not attempt to evacuate during the height of a hurricane. You are safer in your home than out on the road.
- Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purposes such as for cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill a bathtub or other large container with water. This is important for those whose water runs off of an electrical system.

This time of year is a good time to sign up for Calvert ALERT, a notification system that can send messages by text, email, fax, land line and pager. Residents are urged to visit the county website and click the Emergency Alerts link to register for the notification service. Those without internet access can call 410-535-1600, ext. 2638, to sign up. Residents are also encouraged to stay on top of emergency information by downloading the free “Prepare Me Calvert” mobile application now available for iOS (Apple) and Android devices.

To learn more about emergency preparedness, contact the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, at 410-535-1600, ext. 2638. For information on Calvert County Government, visit www.co.cal.md.us or like us on [Facebook](#).

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