

Subject: Important Hurricane Information

**To help you plan for Hurricane Irene, please read the following information and pass it along to your neighbors and friends.**

**If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at 410-257-2230 or 301-855-8398. We will be available beginning at 12:00 NOON on Saturday throughout the weekend.**

**Sand bags:** We have sand bags and sand available for Chesapeake Beach Citizens ONLY at Town Hall – from 2:00 pm on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> until 5:30 pm...and again on Saturday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (10 per person). Sand bags are also available from Calvert County (25 per person) at Mt. Hope Salt Dome, 92 Pushaw Road, Sunderland.

**Secure your home:** You may wish to board up windows, use sandbags to prevent flooding, ensure that trees and shrubs are trimmed, clear loose and clogged gutters and downspouts, remove or secure loose items around your yard so they will not blow into your home or your neighbors home and cause damage and close any shutters you have, both inside and out.

**Emergency items to have onhand:**

- Drinking water
- Batteries
- Flashlights
- Battery operated radio
- Medicine
- Items needed for infants or elderly people
- Cash and credit cards
- Non-perishable food
- First aid kit
- Pet care items
- Place your homeowner's insurance papers and other important papers in a waterproof bag. If you leave your home, take this with you.

**Be sure to:**

- Fill your gas tank
- Charge your cell phone
- Turn off propane tanks at your home
- Reinforce your garage door(s)
- Fill your bathtubs to have water if needed
- Consider freezing water so you have as much ice as possible

**If you decide to evacuate, Shelters are located at:**

- Huntingtown High School at 4125 Solomons Island Rd. (Rt. 2 & 4) – Residents
- Southern Middle School at 9615 HG Trueman Rd., Lusby – Residents
- Calvert High School at 520 Fox Run Blvd., Prince Frederick – Residents with pets
- For special assistance call 410-535-0396 or 410-535-0314

**When evacuating, remember to:**

- Gather items that you will need
- Turn off lights and appliances (except refrigerators and freezers)
- Turn off Main Water Valve
- Close and lock windows and doors
- Use your own vehicle to evacuate. Offer rides to neighbors who may not have transportation.
- If you need a ride or special assistance, call 410-535-0396

**Hazards to avoid:**

- Downed trees and power lines
- Stay out of the water
- Do not drive or walk through flood waters

**DO NOT dial 911 unless you have a life-threatening emergency.**

**EMERGENCY RESPONDERS** will not be dispatched if conditions pose a significant risk to their safety (sustained winds of 50 mph or gusts at 65 mph or higher), which will impact their ability to retrieve citizens from their homes during the storm.

**And remember to look out for your neighbors, especially the elderly and disabled.**

Calvert County Website: [www.co.cal.md.us](http://www.co.cal.md.us)

Local Emergency Alert System stations include:

WPTX 920 AM, Lexington Park  
WKIK 102.9 FM, Mechanicsville  
WAAI 100.9 FM, Cambridge  
WMDM 97.7 FM, Lexington Park  
WCEM 1240 AM, Cambridge  
WCMD 1560 AM, La Plata  
WCEM 106.3 FM, Cambridge  
WXTR 104.1 FM, La Plata  
WCEI 1460 AM, Easton  
WSMD 98.3 FM, Mechanicsville  
WCEI 96.7 FM, Easton

Calvert County Division of Emergency Management 410-535-1623  
SMECO Report Outage 1-877-747-6326  
SMECO Customer Service 1-888-440-3311  
BGE Outages 1-877-778-2222  
Verizon 1-800-837-4966  
Comcast 1-822-266-2278