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Calvert County Urges Residents to be Prepared for Winter Storm

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Jan. 23, 2026 – A significant winter storm is expected to strike the Southern Maryland region the evening of Saturday, Jan. 24 through Monday, Jan. 26, followed by several days of subfreezing temperatures. As winter weather continues, Calvert County reminds all residents to be winter weather ready and to take steps now to prepare for the upcoming conditions.

Download the free Calvert County Government mobile app on both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store for push notifications and the latest weather updates.

- Keep sidewalks clear and passable using these snow removal guidelines:
 - Sidewalks must be cleared of snow, compacted ice and debris.
 - Ensure the full length of the sidewalk is cleared to a minimum width of four feet.
 - Snow should be cleared within 24 hours after a regular snowfall. For snowfall exceeding four inches, clearing must be completed within 72 hours.
 - Snow should be disposed of along the sidewalk nearest the curb
 - Exceptions: for sidewalks covered under specific easements or agreements with the county, the county will handle snow removal.
 - Find the sidewalk policy at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Snow.
- Give snowplows the right-of-way and exercise patience while sharing the road.

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- Maintain a safe distance behind the plow and avoid passing a snowplow unless absolutely necessary.
- Be aware snowplows have blind spots, especially on the right side of the plow.
- If you need to pass a plow, pass on the left side and allow plenty of room
- In the event of mailboxes damaged by snowplows:
 - Mailboxes knocked over or damaged by Calvert County snowplows will be replaced by the county with a standard United States Postal Service (USPS)-approved mailbox.
 - Mailboxes displaced by snow (not directly struck by snowplows) will not be replaced by the county.
 - Only standard USPS mailboxes will be installed as replacements. Mailboxes specific to neighborhood covenants will be replaced with standard USPS approved mailboxes.
- Be prepared and have a home emergency kit stocked ahead of the storm. Residents should have the following items available:
 - Flashlight and extra batteries
 - Battery-operated National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio and portable radio to receive emergency information
 - Extra food and water – food requiring no cooking or refrigeration is best
 - Extra medicine and baby items
 - Heating fuel
 - Emergency heating source (fireplace, wood stove, space heater)
 - Fire extinguisher and smoke detector
 - Find more preparedness information at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/WinterWeather.
- Residents are reminded to promptly report outages or downed power lines using the appropriate utility provider below:
 - SMECO (Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative): To officially report a power outage, visit www.smeco.coop, call 877-74-SMECO

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(877-747-6326), use the SMECO 24/7 mobile app, or the SMECO 24/7 text feature.

- BGE (Baltimore Gas and Electric): Customers experiencing a power outage or needing to report a downed wire should call 877-778-2222 or 1-800-685-0123, or report outages online at secure.bge.com. BGE encourages all customers to report outages so crews can restore service as safely and quickly as possible.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed in the event of an emergency by visiting www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/BeAwarePrepare and signing up for Calvert County ALERT to receive timely information about various emergency and non-emergency situations in the county.

For Calvert County Parks & Recreation closure announcements, visit www.facebook.com/calvertcountyparks/.

For information on snow operations, the mailbox and sidewalk policy, snow removal or to report a concern, visit www.CalvertCountyMd.gov/Snow. To report roadway concerns during or after a snow event, contact the Department of Public Works, Highway Maintenance Division at 410-535-0905 or by email at Public.Works@calvertcountymd.gov.

Working together we can navigate the remaining winter season safely and efficiently.

Find information on Calvert County Government services online at www.CalvertCountyMd.gov. Stay up to date with Calvert County Government on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CalvertCountyMd and YouTube at www.youtube.com/CalvertCountyGov.

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