

## **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

**Flood Information:**            **Conowingo Dam Spill Hotline: 1.877.457.2525**  
**Conowingo Generation Hotline: 1.888.457.4076**

Cecil County is vulnerable to the effects of a number of natural emergencies such as flooding and severe winter storms, and a variety of man-made threats such as hazardous materials and nuclear power plant incidents and fires.

Emergency preparation can reduce the fear, inconvenience, and loss from a disaster. What you do to prepare now can make a difference. After a major disaster, local resources and emergency personnel may not be able to reach you right away. You and your family should be ready to be self-sufficient for at least three days; this may mean providing for your own shelter, first aid, food, water, and sanitation.

During a town emergency, Town Hall will have staff to assist you, 410.378.2121. The building is equipped with a generator if there is a power outage. Please review the information below and take every precaution to keep you and your family safe.

### **PRIOR TO ANY EMERGENCY:**

- Ensure that you have enough food, water, medication (if needed) and batteries. Because power is often lost during severe storms, foods that do not require cooking should be kept on hand.
- Store drinking water in clean bathtubs and various containers in the event that water service is interrupted.
- Keep first aid supplies on hand.
- Check portable radios, smoke detectors, and flashlights to ensure they are properly operating and that the batteries are fresh.
- Secure propane tanks, gas jugs and oil tanks.
- Run necessary errands now, do not wait until the storm strikes.
- Fuel your automobile in case evacuation is necessary.

### **PRIOR TO A FLOOD EMERGENCY:**

Please prepare. Follow the instructions above and take the following precautions for a flood event:

- Move belongings from basement, first floor, garage to upper floors for flood event.
- Vehicles should be moved from flood prone areas on the waterfront and Main Street to the right side of Center Street/Tome Highway. Please park on one side only to provide ample space for emergency vehicles and equipment.
- Be cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.
- Children should never play in or around high water or storm drains.
- You will be notified of the extent of flooding that is expected.
- For an evacuation, an emergency warning siren will sound with an emergency message. Emergency personnel will make announcements throughout the town. You should call Town Hall at 410.378.2121 or report to Town Hall, 64 S. Main St. if you need transportation to the designated evacuation center.
- During a flood event, personnel at Town Hall will be available to assist you. The building has been equipped with an emergency generator in the event there is a power outage. If you have any questions please call 410-378-2121.

### **DURING THE EMERGENCY:**

- Stay indoors and listen for emergency warnings and announcements.
- Only travel if necessary. If travel conditions become difficult, seek refuge and shelter in place until the storm has passed.

### **AFTER THE EMERGENCY:**

- Watch for and avoid down power lines. Immediately contact Delmarva Power at 1-800-375-7117.
- Do not drive immediately after the storm unless there is an emergency.
- Should the emergency warrant an evacuation, you would be allowed to return to your homes as soon as emergency personnel have determined that no hazards exist. Your safety is our #1 concern.