

HARFORD COUNTY HAZARDS

KNOW YOUR COUNTY HAZARDS

- Contact the Harford County Division of Emergency Operations at 410-638-4900 or log onto www.fema.gov.
- Find out what types of disasters could occur and how you should respond.
- Learn your community's warning signals and evacuation plans. Assess your risks and identify ways to make your home and property more secure.

When severe weather is threatening your area, stay tuned to radio or television stations for updates and be ready to take action if necessary.

Watches & Warnings Can Make All the Difference

Storm Watch

Severe weather may affect the area.

Storm Warning

Severe weather conditions are imminent.

Traveler's Advisory

Issued if travel is expected to be difficult or dangerous

Thunderstorms

- Stay inside a building or a hard-top vehicle.
- Avoid showering, bathing or using a house phone except in an emergency.
- Unplug appliances and computers.
- If outside, never stand under a tall tree in an open area. Go to a low place such as a valley or ravine. But be mindful of flash floods.

Tornados

- If outside, go to the designated storm shelter or central area on the lowest level of the building.
- If in a vehicle, mobile home or trailer, get out and seek shelter in a storm shelter or the lowest level of a sturdy building.
- If out in the open, lie flat in a ditch or depression and cover your head with your arms.



Flooding

- Listen to EAS for evacuation instructions.
- Avoid streams, marshes and other low-lying areas that are prone to sudden flooding.
- Never walk through moving water more than six inches deep.
- Do not drive into flooded areas.

Hurricanes

- Plan a flood-free evacuation route.
- Clear your yard of all loose objects.
- Shutter, board or tape windows.
- If instructed by authorities, turn off utilities at the main valves or switches.
- If not required to evacuate, stay indoors in a central room, closet or hallway on the first floor.