

Hurricane Sandy is expected to impact Maryland in the next few days. High winds and heavy rains are predicted along with localized flooding, tree damage and likely loss of power in many areas. Here are a few resources citizens should be aware of as the hurricane approaches:

- 1) When it comes to making sure communities and their individual households are prepared, visit Ready.gov's hurricane preparedness site at <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>.
- 2) The Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) offers guidelines on how to be prepared for hurricanes and offers multiple hurricane-related links including mapping tools to help determine storm surge heights and flood prone zones throughout the state at <http://www.mema.state.md.us/MEMA/index.jsp>.
- 3) Stay up to date on the latest storm track and hurricane advisories from the National Weather Service's Hurricane Center at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>.
- 4) Calvert County Division of Emergency Management <http://www.co.cal.md.us/residents/safety/emergency/>
- 5) Maryland's new interactive "511" option offers localized information on weather conditions and traffic conditions; you can access it via telephone at 1/855/466-3511 or on computer at <http://www.md511.org/>.