

ALERT: Wind and Ice Damage Possible, Trees Down, Be Prepared

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Photo: Rousby Hall Road 11:15 am

Calvert County Sheriff's Deputies have shut down Golden West Way in the area of Santa Rosa Road in the Chesapeake Ranch Estates in Lusby, MD due to downed trees on power lines. Thunderbird Drive in the area of Arrow Head Trail in Lusby, MD is also closed due to a tree over roadway. Use caution in the area.

The National Weather Service issued a [Winter Storm Warning](#) for St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert until 6 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19, 2021. Intermittent light freezing rain or freezing drizzle will continue through Thursday night. Storm total with ice accumulations of two to three-tenths of an inch or more expected by the end of the winter storm. Ice-covered branches are susceptible to breakage with wind gusts; power outages and tree damage are possible.

Photo: 2:40 p.m. - Golden West Way in the Chesapeake Ranch Estates in Lusby, MD (Photo courtesy of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office)

Photo: 2:40 p.m. - Thunderbird Drive in the area of Arrow Head Trail in Lusby, MD (Photo courtesy of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office)

The Department of Emergency Services offer the following tips during this storm:

- Prepare for possible power outages potentially lasting several hours or even several days.
- If the power goes out, make sure you have extra blankets and appropriate clothing to deal with cooler temperatures.
- If using a generator, make sure it is not in a basement or garage; and is located a safe distance from doors, windows, or ventilation systems. Please go to the SMECO website, <https://www.smeco.coop/> for safety information or [SMECO Interactive Outage Map](#).
- Make sure cell phones and other electronic devices are fully charged.
- Make sure you have a disaster supply kit with water, non-perishable food, a change of clothes, extra medications, and any special items you might need for infants, children and pets.
- Have a battery-operated or crank-powered radio available to follow news and weather reports if the power goes out.
- Should you lose power, practice safe food handling. For safe food handling information, go to the St. Mary's County Health Department website for information, www.smchd.org.

Travel is strongly discouraged. If you must travel, keep an extra flashlight, food, and water in your vehicle in case of an emergency. Prepare for possible power outages. The Department of Public Works & Transportation road crews continue to assess and treat roads throughout the county.

For information on St. Mary's County Government operations and services during this storm, please call 301-475-4911.

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