



# PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY

## Hurricane / Tropical Storm

New Maryland is at times affected by hurricanes after they have become tropical storms or post-tropical storms. High winds can result in downed power lines. If you see a downed power line, **STAY AWAY**. For your safety, always stay at least 10 (ten)-meters away from them and anything that they touch (trees, puddles, vehicles, etc.).

### PREPARE FOR A HURRICANE / TROPICAL STORM

- Keep a 72-hour emergency kit at home.
- Have an emergency plan for you and your family.
- Follow the weather forecast and listen for warnings and advisories.
- Plan ahead when a storm is in forecast. Run your errands, fill up your gas tank and stop by an ATM before the storm hits.
- Expect and plan for power outages. Make sure you have a phone that does not need power to operate (cordless phones will not work without power). Keep your mobile phone fully charged.
- Secure everything on your property that might blow away (e.g., garbage cans, lawn furniture).
- Check the trees on your property regularly, trim any dead branches and cut down dead trees. This will reduce the risk of these falling on your house or vehicle during a storm.

### DURING A HURRICANE / TROPICAL STORM

- Stay inside during the storm.
- Listen to the local radio station for updates.
- Never go swimming or out in a boat during a storm. If you are on the water and see bad weather coming, head for shore immediately.



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