

## **Disaster Resources**

### **Family Tips and Resources**

Be prepared to shelter-in-place for up to 72 hours (stock water, food, pet food, medications, necessities, cash, gas for the car, batteries, radio, flashlights, etc.)

Make an emergency plan for your family – visit MEMA ([WWW]⇒<http://www.mema.maryland.gov>) and FEMA (⇒<http://www.ready.gov>) websites for emergency preparation tips, checklists and information.

### **Utility Company Contact Information for Reporting Outages**

#### **BGE**

Storms & Outages online resources

⇒<http://www.bge.com/customerservice/stormsoutages/pages/default.aspx>

Report an outage: 877-778-2222

Follow progress at the Storm Center page

⇒<http://www.bge.com/customerservice/stormsoutages/stormcenter/pages/default.aspx>

#### **Pepco**

Report outage online (if you have a smartphone or a full charge on your laptop)<https://www.pepco.com/home/emergency/report/online/default.aspx>

To report an outage: 877-737-2662

For downed wires dial number above and press 2

#### **Verizon**

Report an outage: 800-837-4966, option “Repair”

### **State and County Information:**

Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

⇒[http://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/homeEmergency\\_hurricane.aspx](http://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/homeEmergency_hurricane.aspx)

Local Emergency Center Contacts and Hotlines by County

⇒<http://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/LocalEOC.aspx>

Baltimore City disaster relief information

CERT: ⇒<http://emergency.baltimorecity.gov/PublicInformation/DisasterReliefInformation.aspx>

**Churches:**

Please contact Sharon Tillman 410-746-5251 (mobile) to report any damage or need for help, or to let us know of your community relief efforts. In some cases small grants from Episcopal Relief and Development can help support these efforts.

Here are some simple things you can do as you prepare for a disaster and in the days after:

- Be sure to have a copy of your insurance information accessible off site
- Make a Church Go Kit
- Check on your vulnerable members and ask church members to check on each other
- Pray for those at risk and for those first responders and emergency workers who return our lives to normal after a disaster.

**A Prayer for those Affected by Storms and Disasters:**

God of Love and Hope, you have called us to serve you in ministering to those affected by the storms and trials of this world. Grant us courage to persevere through the challenges of this task, grace bring your healing and hope to the suffering and afflicted, and sincere and faithful hearts to share the good news that you are always near. This we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ, who calms the winds, stills the waves and brings peace in the midst of storms. Amen. (Prayer from the Diocese of Bethlehem, Diocesan Disaster Relief & Community Resiliency Committee)