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Residents Urged to Prepare for Potential Major Coastal Flooding This Afternoon

LEONARDTOWN, MD – November 26, 2026 – St. Mary's County Government's Department of Emergency Services is closely monitoring tidal conditions at Straits Point, where water levels could reach major flood stage this afternoon, Thursday, Nov. 26, 2026.

The greatest potential for coastal flooding is anticipated between 1 and 5 p.m., particularly around the time of high tide. Residents in vulnerable waterfront and low-lying communities should prepare for potentially significant flooding that could impact homes, properties, roadways and access to some neighborhoods.

Residents in areas susceptible to tidal flooding are strongly encouraged to take precautions now, before water levels rise:

- Move vehicles and valuables to higher ground.
- Prepare for potential flooding of roadways and restricted access to waterfront communities.
- Avoid unnecessary travel in flood-prone areas during the anticipated peak flooding period.
- Never walk or drive through floodwaters or around road closure barricades.
- Monitor changing weather and tidal conditions throughout the afternoon.

Residents should also be mindful that strong winds and heavy rainfall may contribute to additional hazardous conditions throughout St. Mary's County.

The Department of Emergency Services will continue to monitor conditions and provide updates as necessary. Forecasts are subject to change, and residents are encouraged to remain alert and take appropriate precautions.

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