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St. Mary's County Government Announces Shelter Locations for Residents Impacted by Coastal Flooding

LEONARDTOWN, MD – November 26, 2026 – Due to the potential for significant tidal flooding this afternoon, Thursday, Nov. 26, 2026, St. Mary's County Government advises residents in low-lying and flood-prone areas that shelter is available at the following locations:

- Ridge Volunteer Fire Department
  13820 Point Lookout Road in Ridge
- Second District Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad
  45245 Drayden Road in Valley Lee

Residents needing or wishing to seek shelter are encouraged to do so before water levels rise and roadways become impassable, provided they can travel safely.

Residents seeking shelter should bring essential items, including necessary medications, identification, cell phones and chargers.

A Coastal Flood Warning remains in effect for the shoreline of St. Mary's County until 7 p.m. today, with the greatest potential for flooding around afternoon high tides.

St. Mary's County Government has partially activated its Emergency Operations Center to enhance monitoring, facilitate coordination among response agencies and support response efforts.

Residents are reminded to never drive or walk through floodwaters, avoid hazardous areas and follow all instructions from emergency personnel.

The Department of Emergency Services continues to monitor conditions and will provide additional updates as necessary. For life-threatening emergencies, call 911.

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