

# COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

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## Make Signing Up for Emergency Alerts One of Your New Year's Resolutions

**Residents Encouraged to Become Better Prepared**

### **Register Today**

One of the easiest steps to become better prepared for an emergency or severe weather event is to sign up for Fairfax County's Community Emergency Alert Network, or **CEAN**, a free service of the county's Office of Emergency Management. And, it's an easy New Year's resolution to accomplish that doesn't take much time or require any dieting!

People registered on the **CEAN** will be provided a personal connection to real-time updates, instructions on where to go, protective actions that need to be taken and other important information such as National Weather Service watches and warnings.

**CEAN** alerts may cover personal safety, weather, major accidents involving utilities or roadways, or disaster notification such as a terrorist attack. In addition, residents also may register for any or all of the additional **CEAN** alert categories: severe weather 24/7; severe weather 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; severe traffic disruptions and county government closings/schedule changes.

The **CEAN** will be used by county officials to deliver emergency alerts, notifications and updates during a major crisis or emergency. Messages will be delivered to e-mail accounts, cell phones (text messaging costs may apply; check with your service provider), text pagers, satellite phones and wireless PDAs that are registered on the system.

To register for the Community Emergency Alert Network, visit the Fairfax County Web page, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean). For additional information on the **CEAN**, contact the Office of Emergency Management at 703-324-2362, TTY 711.

Fairfax County Government offers the **CEAN** as a public service that will be used in conjunction with other public notification methods, such as the Fairfax County Government Emergency Information Line (703-817-7771, TTY 711); cable television Channel 16; the Fairfax County Government Web site; and area media.

**To request this information in an alternate format, call the Office of Public Affairs at 703-324-3187, TTY 711.**