



## Stay Informed

Click Here to [Sign Up for SpotsyAlert!](#)

Welcome to SpotsyAlert – “It's simple. If we can't reach you, we can't alert you”.

- *To sign up for SpotsyAlert select the "Sign Up" tab at the top right of the screen.*
- *To log in to your SpotsyAlert account, select "Log In" at the top right of the screen.*

### OVERVIEW

Spotsylvania County uses this system to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as unexpected road closures, severe weather, missing persons, evacuations of buildings and neighborhoods, and community events.

When an incident or emergency occurs, authorized senders will notify you using SpotsyAlert.

SpotsyAlert is your personal connection to real-time updates, instructions on where to go, what to do, or what not to do, who to report to and other important information.

SpotsyAlert delivers important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you on all your devices:

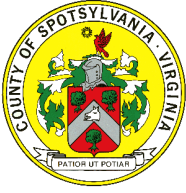
- Email account (work, home, other)
- Cell phone (via SMS)
- Office phone
- Pager
- Weather Alerts are driven by location only. You must have an accurate address to receive accurate alerts. These are routed through our system by the National Weather Service.

### Stay Informed

Getting correct information during an emergency is the key to taking safe action. Someone in your household may not be able to receive, understand, or act on emergency information. Think about what special needs your household may have. Take action now to make sure everyone in your family will be safe in an emergency.

### Things to consider...

- Emergency news or weather broadcasts may not be closed captioned ([link to emergency blog](#))
- Information that is shown on screen may not be spoken aloud
- Automated voices and voices over loud speakers may be hard to understand.
- Information comes quickly and the stress of a disaster may make it hard to understand or remember instructions.
- Words moving across the bottom of a television screen may move very quickly.
- The screen color or color of the text might make some information on television hard to read.



## COMMUNICATION IS KEY

**Make sure everyone in your household can communicate during times of emergency or disaster.**

The way emergency information is sent out in your community may not work for everyone. If you don't speak English well, or if you use an assistive device to speak or hear, make a plan now. Make sure you can get and give information in an emergency or disaster.

Communities may give information by television or radio, by automated phone call, text messages, or email. First Responders may use loudspeakers to give information as the drive through the streets. Responders or volunteers may go door-to-door to talk to people directly.

If you think you may not be able to understand emergency information, identify someone (or more than one person) that you can contact for help in an emergency or disaster. Have more than one way to get in touch with them. Keep their contact information with you.

## GET A NOAA EMERGENCY ALERT RADIO

Weather can change very quickly. Severe weather may strike when people are sleeping or unaware of the forecast. This can be deadly if people do not seek a safe shelter. A NOAA emergency alert radio (sometimes called a weather radio) can turn itself on when an emergency alert is issued and can warn you at any time day or night.

Emergency alert radios can also be used to warn about other emergencies, such as a chemical spill. With the Emergency Alert Radio, you will be warned about dangerous situations in time to take shelter or other safe action.

Every home should have an emergency alert radio, just the way all homes should have a smoke detector. They can be purchased at stores that sell electronics. Prices start at about \$20.00. Most run on batteries or have battery back-ups.

## USEFUL LINKS

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Spotsylvania Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management (FREM) [Emergency Management Page](#)

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