

BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Prepares for Hurricane Irene

Travelers Advised to Check Ahead for Flight Status Information

As Hurricane Irene moves its way toward the east coast, officials at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport are preparing for the strong wind and heavy rain expected to accompany the major storm.

“BWI Marshall Airport is working to plan for this significant storm,” said Paul J. Wiedefeld, Executive Director of BWI Marshall Airport. “Advance notice of the storm has allowed us to prepare by monitoring terminal and airfield drainage, checking generators, and securing any equipment that may become airborne as a result of high winds.”

A number of airlines have announced travel advisories and revised ticketing policies ahead of Hurricane Irene. In addition, airlines may cancel flights before or during the heavy storm. BWI Marshall Airport strongly recommends that travelers check with their airline for current flight information before heading to the Airport. Customers are advised to monitor airline or Airport web sites to be aware of possible flight cancellations. BWI Marshall Airport’s website is www.BWIairport.com.

BWI Marshall Airport Executive Director Wiedefeld added, “We will continue to work closely with our airline partners to help ensure the safety of our passengers.”

With a potentially major rainfall expected, BWI Marshall Airport customers traveling in coming days may want to consider utilizing covered parking in either the Daily Garage or the Hourly Garage.

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