

**8-5-2020 12:30 PM**

The Town continues to recover from the impacts of Isaias that passed through Monday night. Be aware that NC DOT crews will be working in the area to clear the sand from the streets. We still have some spots that are without power. Please know that Jones-Onslow EMC is working diligently to resolve the issues and fully restore power. Please be patient and alert for their safety as they help us with our clean up and recovery efforts.

As you are aware the regular bulk item pickup is this Friday. As you all begin cleaning up storm debris from your property, please remember that construction debris of any kind is not included in the bulk item pick up. This includes things like shingles, siding, gutters, and wood debris. Construction debris can be taken to the Pender County Transfer Station in Pender County. You can contact them to find out what items they accept and their rates:

Transfer Station  
250 Transfer Station Rd.  
Hampstead, NC 28443  
910-270-5011

Vegetative debris is included in the bulk item pickup but it must be separated from the other bulk items. Limbs should be no more than four feet long and no wider than 4" in diameter. Vegetative debris should not be bagged but piled near the edge of the street in front of your home for pick up. Please note that placing debris on vacant lots is considered illegal dumping and you could be fined.

Thank you for your cooperation. As always Town staff is available should you have any questions.

**8-4-2020 2:00 PM**

Power is beginning to be restored across town. If you don't have it now, it shouldn't be long. We are so appreciative of the fast response from Jones Onslow.

An assessment of the town streets show sand and vegetative debris on the road. Some quantities of debris, mostly pieces of siding and the occasional roof shingle, are also visible around town. Although all roads are passable, please use caution when traveling in and around Town.

**8-4-2020 9:30 AM**

Isaias came through Topsail Beach overnight as a strong Tropical Storm. Unofficial reports show sustained winds at 47 mph with the strongest gust at 77 mph. Rainfall totals were less than 2". Initial damage assessments this morning are consistent with what we would expect from a strong tropical storm. Vegetative debris, sand on the roads, some power and cable lines down, and minor siding and roof damage. Power is out in all of Topsail Beach but Jones-Onslow EMC crews are working hard to restore power quickly.

A more detailed message will come once we get more information.

**8-3-2020 8:30 PM**

Tropical Storm Isaias is now off the South Carolina coast with 70 mph sustained winds. Landfall is expected this evening somewhere around the South Carolina/North Carolina border. Our area should start to feel tropical storm force winds around 9 pm with the worst of the storm coming through between midnight and 4 am. Flooding of low lying areas and streets is likely as this storm could bring as much as 3" - 6" of rain and a storm surge of 2' - 4'. Active tornadoes are possible with this storm so please have your weather radio and cell phones accessible to be alerted to any warnings that may come through the night. For your safety, please follow the curfew order in place until sunrise tomorrow morning. Town Hall will open at 9 am tomorrow morning, weather permitting.

We will update you if there is a change in the forecast. Stay vigil, stay alert and stay safe!

**8-3-2020 3:00 PM**

[UPDATE FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE](#)

**8-3-2020 11:30 AM**

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**8-3-2020 10:30 AM**

The Town of Topsail Beach is now in a State of Emergency as of 9 am this morning. **Although an evacuation has not been ordered, a curfew is in effect from sunset today (Monday, August 3) until sunrise tomorrow (Tuesday, August 4).** Residents, property owners, and visitors are encouraged to stay indoors but are allowed only on their property during the curfew hours.

With sustained winds of 70 mph, Tropical Storm Isaias is currently off the coast of Florida moving north at 13 mph. Isaias is forecasted to regain hurricane strength before projected landfall somewhere around the South Carolina/North Carolina border. The current forecast indicates our area will likely experience sustained winds of 60-65 mph, with maximum gusts of 75 mph. Rainfall estimates could be as high as 3" - 6", and a surge of 2'-4' is possible. The storm is expected to move through our area overnight and exit quickly by early Tuesday morning. See the attached document for additional information.

Be aware that the high rise bridge in Surf City will be restricted to oncoming traffic once the sustained winds reach 45 mph, but exiting the island will remain permissible throughout the storm at your own risk.

While the forecast shows the center of the storm tracking to the west of Topsail Beach, be aware that even a slight change in the storm track could change impacts dramatically. Please continue to monitor the weather and the Town's website for updates.

[TOWN OF TOPSAIL BEACH STATE OF EMERGENCY](#)

**8-3-2020 7:30 AM**

[UPDATE FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE](#)

**8-02-2020 3:30 PM**

Isaias has now weakened to a tropical storm with sustained winds at 65 mph. Tropical Storm Isaias is currently off the coast of Florida moving NW at 9 mph. Although the storm has

weakened slightly we are still expecting sustained winds of 40-50 mph and 2"-3" of rain as the storm moves through our area late Monday night into early Tuesday morning. The predicted storm surge at this time is 1'-2' but that could increase based on the tides at the time the storm arrives. Please remember that the marine conditions will continue to deteriorate, and rip currents will become more dangerous.

At this time regular trash service remains on schedule for tomorrow morning. We ask that you please pull your cart up and secure it immediately after its emptied.

As we know, the timeline, strength, and track of the storm can change, so we urge to continue to monitor the weather and the Town's website for updates.

#### **8-01-2020 4:30 PM**

The Town continues to monitor Hurricane Isaias. The 2pm National Weather Service advisory shows Hurricane Isaias current winds are 80 MPH and it's moving NW at 12 MPH as it approaches the Florida coast. At this time the storm is expected to be in our area late Monday night as a strong tropical storm and exit quickly Tuesday morning. We could see peak sustained winds of 50 - 60 MPH with gusts as high as 75-80 and 2" - 3" of rain. It is still too early to predict the storm surge but expect localized flooding especially in those most vulnerable areas. Be aware that the high rise bridge in Surf City will be restricted to oncoming traffic once the sustained winds reach 45 MPH, but exiting the island will remain permissible throughout the storm at your own risk. You will see beach conditions begin to deteriorate rapidly over the next 24 hours and rip currents will get aggressively worse.

Please take this time to finalize your preparations.

#### **7-31-2020 5:30 PM**

The Town continues to monitor the path of Hurricane Isaias. The latest update suggests potential landfall near Brunswick County sometime Monday and continuing north up the coast. Now is the time to make necessary preparations.

- Secure all loose items around your property
- Secure boats (both in or out of the water)
- Fuel vehicles and generators
- Have flashlights and batteries ready
- Have water and nonperishable foods on hand should you lose power
- Gather first aid supplies and prescription medicines
- Have some cash on hand.
- Keep cell phones at full charge
- Stay tuned to local weather reports for the most up to date information on the storm

As we all know, hurricanes are unpredictable and the forecast can change. The Town will continue to monitor the storm throughout the weekend. Please check the Town's website and social media for updates. Stay safe

#### **7-31-2020 11AM**

As you are aware, Hurricane Isaias has formed in the Atlantic and its current track is expected to bring it close to the North Carolina coast. At this time based on current information we expect Topsail Beach will see high winds and some flooding, especially in those more vulnerable areas prone to flooding (Carolina Blvd, Bridgers Ave and some parts of Anderson Blvd). Please see the attached graphic for the latest forecasted track and timeline.

We ask that residents and property owners begin taking sensible precautions now. Secure outside objects around your home, including boats in and out of the water and take prudent steps to protect low lying areas from possible flooding. Please monitor the Town's website, Facebook and Twitter page for up to date information. Additional messages will also be sent to the Sunshine List as more information is made available.

**File attachments:**

[Hurricane Isaias 7-31-20 11AM update.pdf.jpg](#)