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TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE

PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE | HURRICANE ISAIAS

Friday, October 9, 2026

The Town of Waynesville is taking proactive measures in preparation for potential impacts from Hurricane Isaias this weekend, October 10–11.

According to the National Weather Service, widespread rainfall is expected to begin Saturday morning and continue into Sunday. Rainfall totals across the region are generally forecast at **1–3 inches, with locally higher amounts possible**. The greatest potential for flooding is expected Saturday afternoon through early Sunday morning.

Heavy rainfall, localized flooding, gusty winds, downed trees, and isolated power outages are the primary concerns for our area. While the severity of local impacts remains uncertain, Town departments are coordinating efforts to ensure personnel, equipment, and resources are prepared.

What the Town Is Doing

Public Works Operations is taking the following precautionary measures:

- Inspecting and clearing storm drains, catch basins, and critical culverts, with particular attention to historically flood-prone areas.
- Inspecting and fueling vehicles, generators, chainsaws, and emergency response equipment.
- Securing Town facilities and checking building drainage systems.
- Preparing barricades, traffic-control devices, and other emergency supplies.
- Coordinating staffing and on-call personnel to respond to flooding, fallen trees, blocked roadways, and other storm-related hazards.

The Waynesville Fire Department is monitoring weather conditions and coordinating emergency response readiness for potential flooding, severe weather, and other storm-related incidents.

Town personnel will continue monitoring conditions throughout the weekend and adjust response efforts as necessary to protect public safety and maintain essential services.

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What Residents Can Do

We encourage residents to take a few simple precautions before the storm arrives:

- **Stay informed.** Monitor local weather forecasts and emergency alerts for changing conditions.
- **Never drive through flooded roadways.** Turn around, don't drown.
- **Secure outdoor items** that could be displaced by gusty winds.
- **Keep storm drains clear.** If safe to do so, remove loose leaves and debris from drainage areas near your property. Never enter floodwater or attempt to clear a blocked drain during flooding.
- **Prepare for possible power outages.** Charge electronic devices and have flashlights, batteries, and essential supplies available.
- **Avoid unnecessary travel during periods of heavy rainfall,** particularly near streams, low-lying areas, and locations prone to flooding.
- **Report hazardous conditions.** Call 911 for emergencies, including immediate threats to life or safety.

Working Together to Keep Waynesville Safe

The Town of Waynesville's Public Works and Fire Departments are committed to taking a proactive, coordinated approach to storm preparedness and response.

We ask residents to remain weather-aware, exercise caution, and allow emergency personnel and Public Works crews the space needed to respond safely.

Your safety is our priority.

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Weather updates: [National Weather Service – Greenville-Spartanburg](#)