



Old Saybrook

Tropical Storm Isaias Preparedness & Response

The following Community Update is being provided to you from the Town of Old Saybrook Emergency Operations Center.

The intent of this document is to provide a summary of preparedness, response and other government activities related to Tropical Storm Isaias.

What WE'VE DONE to prepare.....

- The Old Saybrook Office of Emergency Management takes specific steps based on the advisories, watches, and/or warnings issued by the National Weather Service and/or the National Hurricane Center.
- When a Tropical Storm Warning is issued, one of the many things we do is preposition supplies at our primary municipal shelter and recovery center.
- These supplies include cots, pillows, blankets, personal hygiene supplies, emergency signage, metal detectors (for entry) and showering supplies. Remember, almost 50% of our homes are supplied by well water, when there is no power, well water residents have no water.
- We have added additional Public Safety Dispatchers to answer your calls!
- Additional First Responder Staff has been scheduled to assist during the storm & afterwards.
- Fire Department equipment has been inspected and readied for operation.
- The Public Works Department is prepared to clear roads if need be.
- Public Health will test for well water contamination or septic issues caused by flooding.
- The First Selectman met with the Public Safety Leadership Team to discuss preparedness and response activities and to participate in a conference call held by CT Emergency Management.
- Video of the Old Saybrook coastline was taken to document any possible erosion or damage.

What YOU should be doing to prepare.....NOW!

- Please make sure you have a "Go Kit". Go Kits contain a few days of supplies, clothing, medication, copies of important papers, phone chargers, and a snack. It is what you would take with you if you had to leave your home.
- Before the storm, please collect and secure lawn furniture and anything else that could become a flying object during a heavy wind storm. Those with external propane tanks should ensure they are secured to their homes.
- Make sure there are fresh batteries in your flashlights and that your cell phone is charged!
- Take pictures of your home and valuable possessions to have for insurance reasons.
- Listen to local news reports and your local public officials for important announcements.
- Make Sure your cell phone is registered to receive voice alerts from us: www.CTalert.gov
- For more information on how to prepare visit www.READY.gov/plan

Shelter and Recovery Center Operations

- The shelter and Recovery Center at the Old Saybrook Senior High School is **NOT OPEN!**
- The Shelter – if opened – is pet friendly ONLY for those who cannot make other arrangements. This includes ONLY cats and dogs – no fish, snakes, gerbils, rabbits, or horses.
- Please do not go to the High School – No one is there to help you!
- We are prepared, as always, to commence sheltering and/or Recovery Center Operations.
- If either the Shelter or Recovery Center has to open – an announcement will be made.

What is Old Saybrook's Level of Concern about TS Isaias?

- We watch the same weather forecasts as you! (Actually, we watch ALL of them!)
- Our job is to follow our plan to ensure we are ready and prepared to help you! **We are!!**
- We are expecting major wind gusts with power outages based on the current forecast.
- While this will be a FAST moving storm, it comes with VERY dangerous winds.
- Please visit the national hurricane center for the latest information.

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Final Thoughts

- If power goes out – DO NOT go outside to investigate! There may be LIVE wires on the ground. NEVER touch a downed wire. Just call us – we will get the professionals there!
- DO NOT go to the beach to watch the storm or surf the waves. That is dangerous! The municipal beaches will be closing at 1 PM today.
- Please interact with us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter! We want to hear from you!
- Your pictures (taken from a safe place) will allow us to share what's going on with the community! Send them to EOC@OldSaybrookPolice.com
- We are here for you and are only one call away. 860-395-3142 or 911 in an Emergency!



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ONE TEAM.**