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Charleston County prepares for hazardous weekend weather, urges residents to limit travel Saturday

Though tracking well west of the Charleston area, Hurricane Isaias is expected to produce local weather impacts this weekend.

Charleston County Emergency Management is monitoring the storm system and making preparations now to keep residents safe.

The Forecast:

According to the National Weather Service, hazardous conditions are expected to develop tonight and continue through the weekend. The primary threats include heavy rainfall (3-6 inches possible through Sunday) and high tides, which are expected to produce flash flooding and coastal flooding in parts of the county.

Tornado advisories are possible tomorrow morning, particularly along the coast.

Based on this forecast and the potential for conditions to worsen quickly, county officials are encouraging residents to avoid all unnecessary travel Saturday.

County Preparations:

In anticipation of flooding, Charleston County will open the following parking garages at 6 p.m. tonight for residents in low-lying areas to park their cars for free for the duration of the storm:

- 90 Cumberland Street
- 85 Queen Street

To avoid being charged, residents must remove their vehicles by 4 p.m. Sunday.

All Charleston County Public Library branches will be closed Saturday. Due to a previously scheduled staff training day Monday, October 12, branches will reopen as normal on Tuesday, October 13. Book drops will remain closed until that time. Digital library resources can be accessed during the closure by visiting ccpl.org.

Charleston County EMS has coordinated alternate station locations and is prepared to relocate resources should the need arise due to flooding.

The Charleston County Consolidated Emergency Communications Center has increased staffing for the weekend in anticipation of higher-than-normal call volumes.

At this time, the Bees Ferry Landfill and all Convenience Centers will open Saturday as normal. Staff will monitor conditions and adjust operations throughout the day, as needed.

For More Information:

Residents are encouraged to follow Charleston County Government on social media and sign up to receive storm-related notifications from Emergency Management via [CHS Alerts](#).

For the most accurate and up-to-date weather forecasts, residents should stay tuned to the [National Hurricane Center](#) and [National Weather Service Charleston](#) websites, as well as local media and [SCEMD's SC Emergency Manager app](#).

In keeping with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), those needing assistance should contact Charleston County at (843) 746-4086 during regular business hours.

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