

Dear Resident,

As reported over the weekend, the Marlboro Township Office of Emergency Management has been monitoring the status of Tropical Storm Isaias. The storm has already grazed the Florida coast and is expected to make landfall in the Carolinas today.

This morning, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Tropical Storm Warning for areas southeast of the I-95 corridor which includes Marlboro. Based upon the current NWS forecast, the most significant impact of the storm is expected on Tuesday, and will consist of very heavy rains and the potential for near hurricane force winds. There is also a chance for isolated tornados to develop.

Now is the time to confirm that your plan is in place to weather this storm. First and foremost, keeping in touch and staying informed is critical during extreme weather events. Please visit the Township Website and sign up for email updates, [www.facebook.com/marlborotownship/](http://www.facebook.com/marlborotownship/) and Twitter [www.twitter.com/MarlboroTwp](http://www.twitter.com/MarlboroTwp). Also, it is recommended that you register your home phone and cell phones for reverse 9-1-1 emergency updates. As an additional resource, the New Jersey OEM has prepared a [HURRICANE SURVIVAL GUIDE](#) providing details on the three steps to Plan and Prepare as well as important State and Federal phone numbers, web addresses and social media sites.

Please take this opportunity to secure all outdoor furniture and belongings, including anything that could become a dangerous projectile during a severe storm. Also, please relocate any valuables from low-lying areas or those prone to flooding.

To the local businesses that have been working hard to keep their doors open and serve the public, please take the necessary precautions to ensure that tents, tables and outdoor fixtures are secured.

In any event involving rain and high winds, there is a possibility of power outages. JCP&L reminds its customers that power outages should be reported directly to JCP&L using one of the many available avenues: call JCP&L at 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877) to report an outage; [click here to report your outage online](#) or here for [text messaging](#). Outage information is also available on JCP&L's [24/7 Power Center Maps](#) and on the [JCP&L Facebook](#) page. Please immediately report downed wires to JCP&L or the Marlboro Division of Police. Never go near a downed power line, even if you think it is no longer carrying electricity.

As an additional reminder, the Township's website includes a 'Storm Updates' section which may be found on the Alerts tab on the homepage or <https://marlboro-nj.gov/storm-updates>. Communications including storm emails, preparedness information, Office of Emergency Management notifications, and JCP&L updates are all posted there for your convenience and reference.

We will continue to monitor this Tropical Storm and provide additional information as it becomes available. Please take this weather event seriously and stay safe.

Mayor Jon Hornik