



Town of Simsbury

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Town of Simsbury Storm Isaias Update *August 7, 2020*

The Town of Simsbury is experiencing a multiday power outage due to Tropical Storm Isaias. In addition to the large number of power outages in Simsbury, we have had a number of roads blocked by fallen trees involving power lines. Approximately 2,600 Eversource customers are without power in Simsbury as of late Friday afternoon.

At this point, restoration work by Eversource has been limited. Town officials are continually requesting restoration updates from Eversource, which have not yet been provided to the Town. Key officials are in regular contact with Eversource regarding make safe and restoration crews. Please know that staff and elected officials are working tirelessly on your behalf and advocating for Simsbury's needs.

This morning a 6-person Eversource make safe crew arrived in town and they teamed up with our Public Works Department to tackle clearing roadways by priority. As of 3:30 PM on August 7th the crews managed to provide access to Plank Hill Road; Hopbrook Road; Great Pond Road; Owens Brook Boulevard; Holcomb Street; and Cardinal Road. Work is continuing until 8:00PM tonight as we work to open up as many roads as possible; crews are moving next to the David Drive/Blue Ridge Drive area. Without Eversource staff our Public Works Department is unable to remove any trees or brush that is entangled in powerlines.

If you are currently experiencing a power outage please contact Eversource. You can use the Eversource website to [report a power outage](#). You can also call 800-286-2000 to report a power outage. The Town of Simsbury has reported downed wires and road blockages to Eversource.

The safety of our residents is our utmost priority. We want to remind residents to please respect road closure signs. They are posted for your safety so you do not encounter any downed trees and/or power lines which could potentially be dangerous. **Please remember to keep a safe distance from any power lines that have fallen due to the storm.** During the make safe work we continue to find live wires that are down and in one instance a guardrail that was energized.

Due to the nature of the extensive damage caused by Tropical Storm Isaias, in combination with the negative financial impacts inflicted on many of our residents due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Simsbury Bulky Waste and Recycling Center ("landfill") will be accepting storm damage brush free of charge for a limited time. Residents will need to bring the brush to the facility themselves in order to take advantage of this program. Proof of residency will need to be shown when dropping off brush (12in diameter max). By providing proof of residency, residents will not have to obtain a landfill permit for brush disposal. No commercial vehicles will be allowed to utilize this temporary expansion of services. During the length of this special

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program, the landfill will be open additional hours. On Mondays and Fridays, they will be open from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM to accept brush only. The acceptance of storm brush for disposal at no charge to residents will begin on August 8, 2020 and end on August 22, 2020.

The Town of Simsbury will continue to provide electronics charging stations for those who are experiencing a power outage. These charging stations will be in the Program Room on the ground floor of the Library, 725 Hopmeadow Street, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on August 8th and 9th and from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm on August 10th. Please remember to bring your own charging cords to your devices. People utilizing the charging stations will be required to use face coverings. Please do not come to the Library to use the charging stations if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness or COVID-19. Do not use the charging stations if you have recently visited or been in contact with someone who visited a location that is restricted by the [Connecticut Travel Advisory](#).

Our Social Services Department is contacting at-risk seniors and residents. If you or anyone you know is experiencing critical needs please contact the Department between 9am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday, at [860-658-3283](tel:860-658-3283). If you have an emergency, please call 911.

The Simsbury Fire District is currently providing potable water stations at all fire stations in town. Please bring your own bottles and containers to fill up. The locations of the Simsbury Fire Stations are:

- The Main Station located at 871 Hopmeadow Street
- The West Simsbury Station located in the west-central section of town at 235 Farms Village Road.
- The Bushy Hill Station is located in the southwest section in the city at 345 Bushy Hill Road.
- The Weatogue Station is located in the southeast part of town at 251 Hopmeadow Street.
- The Firetown Station is located at the intersection of Firetown Road and Hoskins Road in the northern part of town.
- The Tariffville Station is located at 7 Church Street in the Village of Tariffville, situated in the northeast section of Simsbury.

A reminder to our residents utilizing generators to ensure they are installed and functioning properly. Tips for generator safety can be found at: <https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/residential/safety/electric-safety/generator-safety> Eversource offers some of these suggestions:

- Always run the generator outdoors and as far from the house as possible.
- Make sure the generator is kept away from doors, windows and air vents to avoid potentially fatal carbon monoxide poisoning. Installing a carbon monoxide detector in your home can help you avoid a buildup of these toxic fumes.
- Gasoline is highly flammable. Be sure that the generator is turned off before adding fuel.

Currently, our emergency operations center (EOC) is open and operating virtually. The virtual EOC allows us to keep in contact with regional and state emergency management officials. Key staff members of Emergency Services are meeting regularly to ensure the quickest possible recovery for Simsbury.

Be safe and be well.