



Town of Simsbury

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Town of Simsbury Storm Isaias Update *August 11, 2020*

The Town of Simsbury is experiencing a multiday power outage due to Tropical Storm Isaias. Today Eversource crews made substantial progress with their make safe and restoration work. The only road that remains closed is Deer Park (from Evergreen to Sunrise) due to downed wires. As of Monday afternoon, approximately 8 Eversource customers were without power in Simsbury. Our Public Works Department worked throughout the day today removing debris where downed wires weren't involved.

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.

An additional 500 customers in the south end of Simsbury lost power due to a new set of wires that came down early this morning on Bushy Hill and Hildurcrest. Restoration to those customers has been successful. Despite the loss of power in the south end of town, voting at the Latimer Lane polling location was not disrupted.

The safety of our residents is our utmost priority. We want to remind residents to please respect road closure signs. Please do not remove any barricades. They are posted and placed 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 (12-inch 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 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 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.

If the electrical service to your property has been damaged, Eversource will make temporary repairs to safely restore your power, if possible. Eversource has advised that your local wire inspector will need to inspect your property and issue a permit for permanent repairs to be completed. Click [here](#) for additional information on the steps you should take.

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.

Thank you to all members of the public for your patience and cooperation during this time. Be safe and be well.