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## **Update: City of Charleston Prepares for Hurricane Isaias**

*The release below has been updated with information about parking garage availability.*

**Update:** After reviewing the 5 p.m. forecast, city officials announced that the following parking garages will be open to city residents free of charge from 8 a.m. Sunday, August 2 to 8 a.m. Tuesday, August 4:

- Queen Street Garage, 93 Queen Street
- Aquarium Garage, 24 Calhoun Street
- Visitor Center Garage, 63 Mary Street
- St. Philip Street Garage, 93 St. Philip Street

No boats, trailers or golf carts are allowed.

[Original release continues below.]

City of Charleston officials continue to monitor Hurricane Isaias and have begun initial preparations for any potential impacts the storm may have here in the Lowcountry. City Emergency Management is working closely with state and regional officials to monitor the storm's track and coordinate preparation efforts.

The current forecast from the National Weather Service anticipates impacts to Charleston from Hurricane Isaias Sunday night into Monday. At present, there is a potential for tropical storm force winds, coastal flooding with the Sunday evening and Monday's high tides as well as flooding rainfall.

Due to the possibility of flooding, the city's Stormwater Department has reserved temporary pumps to position in low lying areas. Crews are proactively cleaning ditches and drains in flood prone areas. Citizens can visit the city's [Adopt-a-drain](#) webpage for information on ways they can help.

The Parks Department has begun lowering the water level in Lake Dotterer and Colonial Lake.

Next week's garbage and trash collection will be delayed one day, with Monday's routes being collected on Tuesday, Tuesday's routes collected on Wednesday and Thursday's routes on Friday.

The city's "Operation Move-out" initiative will be suspended Saturday, August 1. All trash items must be placed on the curb by 7 a.m. Saturday for collection.

Citizens are encouraged to begin making preparations now. The city's Hurricane Information webpage can be accessed at <https://www.charleston-sc.gov/Hurricane-Information>. Updates on Hurricane Isaias will be released and posted to the webpage as new information becomes available.

"While it is still too early to know exactly what the impacts of Hurricane Isaias will be on the city, the time for citizens to prepare is now," said City of Charleston Emergency Management Director Shannon Scaff. "Make sure your family has a plan and emergency supplies in place, and continue to monitor local media for the latest information about the storm."

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 the FEMA app. Additional hurricane preparedness information can be found at [www.scemd.org](http://www.scemd.org).

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