



## DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA

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### Tropical Storm Isaias Readiness Update

The Town of Dumfries and the Prince William County area are currently under a Tropical Storm warning for the next 36 hours. Current projections anticipate rainfall amounts between 3-8 inches. Winds may reach 20-30 miles per hour.

Residents are reminded not to attempt to drive through flood waters. Flood-prone areas in the Town include:

- Mine Road
- Possum Point Road
- Dominion Drive

Public Works crews continue to inspect local storm inlets, bridges and culverts for obstructions to prevent potential flooding and/or backups. Crews will also survey areas for low-hanging tree limbs and potential falling vegetation. Contractors are on stand-by to remove any fallen trees and debris from public right-of-ways.

As with similar weather related emergencies, please be advised of the following:

- Major flooding can trigger evacuations and rescues.
- Rivers and tributaries may rapidly overflow their banks in multiple places.
- Small streams, creeks, canals, arroyos, and ditches may quickly become dangerous waterways.
- Property damage may occur, particularly to porches, awnings, sheds, and unanchored mobile homes.
- Roadways could become impassable from debris and standing water

Prepare Yourself:

- Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters. *Turn Around, Don't Drown!* Just six inches of moving water can knock a person off their feet; one foot of moving water can sweep away a vehicle.
- Evacuate if told to do so
- If sheltering in place, move to higher ground or a higher floor
- Know how to reach emergency contacts, if power and communications outages occur
- Secure lightweight objects that can be blown about.

To learn more about hurricane/ tropical storm preparedness, please visit:

<https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

To sign up for emergency alerts through Prince William County, please visit:

<https://emergency.pwcgov.org/>