

GLOUCESTER COUNTY
EMERGENCY INFORMATION

**HURRICANE ISAIAS
ANNOUNCEMENT #2**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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TROPICAL STORM ISAIAS ANNOUNCEMENT FROM GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Gloucester County Emergency Management officials declared a Local Emergency at noon on Monday in the wake of Tropical Storm Isaias. Currently, Emergency Management officials are in the process of surveying damages from the storm to local residents, businesses and agricultural properties.

Brett Major, Gloucester's Emergency Management Coordinator, reported that at the peak of the storm, over 7,000 people were without power. Major reports a lot of trees down throughout the County, many of which are entangled in power lines. Gloucester continues to work with state and local partners to assist in getting the debris cleaned up and services back to residents as quickly as possible.

He said CERT volunteers have also been supporting the cleanup effort throughout the day. Also, the local faith-based community has stepped up to the plate to offer support where needed.

According to Major, there was an apparent tornado touchdown in the area of Taliaferro Lane near Rosewell. The National Weather Service is expected to visit the area tomorrow to assess the damage and make the final determination.

Residents, business owners and those with interests in agricultural properties are encouraged to report damages to Emergency Management by calling Gloucester's Hurricane Information Helpline at 804-693-3000. Residents are asked to NOT call 911 or the Sheriff's Office unless it is an emergency.

OTHER INFORMATION: As of Tuesday afternoon, Dominion Energy was reporting 6,650 customers in Gloucester are currently without power.

Dominion Energy Virginia crews are conducting damage assessments and restoring outages, though they are preparing for a multi-day restoration effort. As of right now, Dominion cannot offer restoration estimates, either globally or to individual customers, but will provide such estimates as soon as they are available. Dominion said crews will work around the clock until all customers are restored and that it will devote all possible resources to this effort.

Dominion reminds all customers to stay away from downed power lines and to assume all such lines are energized.

It is essential to report down power lines or outages. To report outages, customers may call 866-DOM-HELP (866-366-4357) or use the Dominion Energy Outage Center app from Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Outages may also be tracked and reported online at www.dominionenergy.com/outage-center or through 866-366-4357.

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