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New Haven Mayor, City Officials Give Isaias Update
The Mayor Declares State of Emergency From the Storm

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – Today New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker hosted a press conference about the City’s response to the impacts of Tropical Storm Isaias, resulting in nearly 20% residents to be without power. The Mayor was joined by Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, members of the Department of Parks and Public Works, the Fire Department, and Emergency Management. Earlier this afternoon, Mayor Elicker signed an emergency declaration regarding Tropical Storm Isaias as well. This declaration will facilitate and provide support from Federal and State Government.

“Tropical Storm Isaias passed through New Haven yesterday, causing 12,000 or 20% of New Haven households to be without power,” stated New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker. “City-wide, over 200 trees are reported downed, with many power wires downed. These power outages are comparable to Hurricane Irene in 2011, causing 18,000 households without power in the City. United Illuminating, City work crews, and contractors will be working to address these hazards and get residents’ power back. We are working hard to address the impacts of Isaias. It will take days if not a week or more to get power back to all households in New Haven. Please be patient and stay safe, New Haven,” he concluded.

After an assessment from the Fire Department, 128 streets in the City still have downed trees that are fully or partially blocking streets. The City is working around the clock to clear the streets. The Department of Public Works (DPW) will continue storm cleanup and also offer pickup of yard debris to residents on regularly scheduled trash pickup days. Residents who clean up their yards of debris from

Tropical Storm Isaias should leave the debris that is a maximum of four inches in diameter, and up to six feet in length on their curb.

The City also encourages residents to throw away any perishable foods after four hours without refrigeration. Additionally, if a resident needs to preserve medication, the City will provide one-gallon bags of ice to those that need it for medication preservation. Finally, if you need a place to stay cool, all New Haven Free Public Libraries (NHFPL) will be open during regular business hours.

If you need to request a one-gallon bag of ice for medical preservation, or report a hazard in your neighborhood, such as a downed tree or powerline, please call the Emergency Operations Center at (203) 946-8221.

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