



Flood Watch for southern Alabama and northwest Florida through Saturday afternoon (Hurricane Isaias)

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NWS Mobile has a Flood Watch for southern Alabama and northwest Florida from Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon (until 1:00 p.m. CDT Sat., Oct. 10 / 11:00 a.m. Pacific), tied to Hurricane Isaias rainfall. AL: Baldwin, Mobile, Covington, Escambia. NW FL: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa. Flash and urban flooding possible; 3–7 inches of rain expected regionwide, locally higher.

A Flood Watch is in effect for portions of southern Alabama and northwest Florida as Hurricane Isaias approaches the northern Gulf Coast. NWS Mobile issued the Flood Watch product at 10:09 a.m. CDT Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026 (8:09 a.m. Pacific). The watch remains in effect from Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon, until 1:00 p.m. CDT Saturday, Oct. 10 (11:00 a.m. Pacific). The Weather Service says flash flooding caused by excessive rainfall continues to be possible. Alabama zones on the product: Baldwin Central, Baldwin Coastal, Baldwin Inland, Covington, Escambia, Mobile Central, Mobile Coastal and Mobile Inland. Northwest Florida zones: Escambia Coastal, Escambia Inland, Okaloosa Coastal, Okaloosa Inland, Santa Rosa Coastal and Santa Rosa Inland.

Impacts: excessive runoff may flood rivers, creeks, streams, and other low-lying and flood-prone spots. Flooding may also occur in poor drainage and urban areas. From Friday through the weekend, Isaias is expected to produce rainfall amounts of 3 to 7 inches across the central U.S. Gulf Coast from far southeastern Louisiana to the Florida Big Bend, with localized totals up to 15 inches possible, particularly within banding across the Florida Panhandle. Flash and urban flooding is possible across the region, with considerable impacts possible across much of southern Alabama and the Florida Panhandle.

What to do: a watch means flooding is possible. A warning means flooding is happening or about to happen. Monitor later forecasts and be prepared to take action if Flash Flood Warnings are issued. Do not drive into floodwater. Turn around, don't drown. Most flood deaths happen in vehicles. Move to higher ground if you are in

a low spot. If this page and weather.gov disagree, weather.gov wins.

Source: National Weather Service Mobile, Alabama. Flood Watch FFAMOB, product updated 10:09 a.m. CDT Oct. 8, 2026, in effect Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon until 1:00 p.m. CDT Oct. 10:
<https://api.weather.gov/alerts/urn:oid:2.49.0.1.840.0.53f1738add9ba7e3c4c25156fe7f8035c6fb218d.001.1>.
Office: <https://www.weather.gov/mob>. Flood safety: <https://www.weather.gov/safety/flood>. Alabama EMA on Hurricane Isaias: <https://ema.alabama.gov/15281/isaias-now-a-hurricane-takes-aim-at-the-northern-gulf-coast/>.
Related Notice Nearby paper: <https://noticenearby.com/papers/tropical-storm-isaias-advisory-3-oct-7-2026>.
Hubs: <https://noticenearby.com/al/mobile> · <https://noticenearby.com/al/baldwin> · <https://noticenearby.com/al/covington> · <https://noticenearby.com/al/escambia>. Notice Nearby is not the National Weather Service, the sheriff, or the fire department.

The watch, in plain words

NWS Mobile, Alabama, sent this Flood Watch (AWIPS FFAMOB). The headline says it was issued October 8 at 10:09 a.m. CDT and lasts until October 10 at 1:00 p.m. CDT.

Severity is Severe. Urgency is Future. Certainty is Possible. Status is Actual. Message type is Update — the watch remains in effect (CON on the VTEC line), not a brand-new first issue.

VTEC: /O.CON.KMOB.FA.A.0005.261009T1800Z-261010T1800Z/. WMO: WGUS64 KMOB 081509. Alert id: urn:oid:2.49.0.1.840.0.53f1738add9ba7e3c4c25156fe7f8035c6fb218d.001.1.

Onset on the product is Friday, Oct. 9, 1:00 p.m. CDT (11:00 a.m. Pacific). Ends Saturday, Oct. 10, 1:00 p.m. CDT (11:00 a.m. Pacific). The product's short expires clock (for the next update) is separate from the watch end time.

The Weather Service instruction: monitor later forecasts and be prepared to take action should Flash Flood Warnings be issued.

Which counties and zones

Alabama: Baldwin (Central, Coastal, Inland), Mobile (Central, Coastal, Inland), Covington, and Escambia.

Northwest Florida: Escambia (Coastal, Inland), Santa Rosa (Coastal, Inland), and Okaloosa (Coastal, Inland).

This page names zones and counties only. It does not print a street address or a house number.

Hurricane Isaias context

The Flood Watch is tied to rainfall from Hurricane Isaias moving onshore on the northern Gulf Coast Friday night, with rain bands expected Friday afternoon ahead of the storm.

Alabama Emergency Management Agency has said a Hurricane Warning is in effect for Mobile and Baldwin counties, with watches farther inland, and noted a Flood Watch beginning Friday afternoon in far southern Alabama. EMA briefing:

<https://ema.alabama.gov/15281/isaias-now-a-hurricane-takes-aim-at-the-northern-gulf-coast/>.

Notice Nearby's living Hurricane Isaias paper (do not duplicate):

<https://noticenearby.com/papers/tropical-storm-isaias-advisory-3-oct-7-2026>. County emergency hubs already carry the Isaias Hurricane Warning strip for Mobile and Baldwin.

Separate river Flood Warnings from NWS Mobile are also live for several gauges, including the Perdido River near Barrineau Park.

Notes

- Source: NWS Mobile AL Flood Watch FFAMOB (alert urn:oid:2.49.0.1.840.0.53f1738add9ba7e3c4c25156fe7f8035c6fb218d.001.1), checked live Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026. Status Actual. Message type Update (CON). Not cancelled at that check. If weather.gov updates the clock, weather.gov wins.
- WMO WGUS64 KMOB 081509. VTEC /O.CON.KMOB.FA.A.0005.261009T1800Z-261010T1800Z/. Issued/updated 10:09 a.m. CDT (8:09 a.m. PT) Oct. 8. Watch window Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon; ends 1:00 p.m. CDT / 11:00 a.m. PT Oct. 10, 2026, unless extended.
- Rain on the product: 3 to 7 inches across the central Gulf Coast Fri–weekend; localized up to 15 inches possible in Florida Panhandle banding. Flash/urban flooding possible; considerable impacts possible across much of southern Alabama and the Florida Panhandle.
- Zones named by the product only. No street address numbers. Paper stays in Papers after the watch ends.
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