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NWS Issues Special Weather Statement; Wind and Rain Expected for the Marianas

The National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Forecast Office Guam has issued a special weather statement for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. At 4 p.m., a tropical disturbance was centered about 600 miles northeast of Guam, near latitude 19 degrees north and longitude 152 degrees east. A monsoon surge associated with this disturbance is producing widespread cloudiness and scattered showers across the Marianas.

As the disturbance develops and moves slowly northwest, the monsoon surge is expected to strengthen Friday night and Saturday. Winds are expected to increase to 25 to 35 mph, with gusts to 45 mph in heavy showers Saturday and Saturday night. For coastal waters, combined seas are forecast to rise to as high as 13 feet.

In addition to the winds and seas, scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are expected through Friday, with widespread locally heavy showers on Saturday. Rainfall of 3 to 6 inches is possible through Sunday.

Due to the expected winds and rain, it is advised to take basic precautionary actions now. To prepare for any scenario, residents and visitors are advised to:

- Locate or prepare your emergency preparedness kits for your household
- Clear loose debris around your yard and store any items, such as canopies, that may become airborne in heavy wind
- Gas your vehicles and get fuel for your generators
- Stay up to date in the event there additional advisories

Those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action should flooding develop. The following are basic flood safety tips to keep in mind:

- Now is a good time to clear drainage areas and un-block clogged storm drains in your area to minimize the chance of flooding.
- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters.
- Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.
- If there is a chance of flash flooding, move immediately to higher ground.
- If floodwaters rise around your car but the water is not moving, abandon the car and move to higher ground. Do not leave the car and enter moving water.
- Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

Visit <https://www.ready.gov/floods> to learn more.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind all residents and visitors to practice extreme caution if traveling in these conditions in the coming days. Monitor the latest advisory information through the following sites, especially if outdoor or marine activities were planned:

- NWS Website: <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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