Note: The Joint Information Center has transitioned to Recovery Releases, identifiable by Release Number and Name

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GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL SITE TO OPEN WEDNESDAY; HOSPITAL SERVICES RESUME; NO GDOE CLASSES TUESDAY

The Government of Guam in coordination with the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) will open the official typhoon debris removal site at Ypao Point, Tamuning (also known as the old Guam Memorial Hospital site) Wednesday. **Only green waste will be accepted.** Green waste includes trees, shrubs, branches, trunks, yard trimmings, grass clippings, and leaves. The JIC will announce when the site is officially opened for the public, including operating hours and safety advice for residents utilizing the post-typhoon service.

The public is advised to use alternate and proper disposal methods for all other waste. Contact Guam Solid Waste Authority at 671-646-3111 for more information on GSWA disposal policies.

GMH Resumes Visitation, Family Viewing and Outpatient Services

The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) **resumed hospital visitation and family viewing at 8 a.m. today**, Monday, October 19, following Typhoon Champi and Guam's transition to Condition of Readiness (COR) 4.

Outpatient clinics and elective procedures resumed at 12:00 p.m. today. Emergency and inpatient services have continued uninterrupted throughout the storm and remain available 24 hours a day. Oxygen-dependent residents who need power access for their equipment are advised to visit Guam Regional Medical City's (GRMC) Emergency Department to request access to its O_2 Bar. The service provides power access and can accommodate up to 20 people.

GMHA thanks its staff for their dedication throughout the storm and the people of Guam for their patience and cooperation. Patients with questions about appointments or hospital services may call (671) 647-2552.

GRMC Resumes Normal Visitation and Outpatient Services

Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) **resumed normal visiting hours and outpatient services today at 9 a.m.** Patients whose appointments were affected by the temporary service suspensions will be contacted directly by GRMC to reschedule, if they have not already been contacted. For updates, visit www.grmc.gu or follow @grmcguam on Facebook and Instagram.

No GDOE Classes Tuesday

Due to a lack of power district-wide, the Guam Department of Education **will not hold classes Tuesday**, October 20.

How to Legally Burn Typhoon Debris
The Guam Fire Department reminds the community that outdoor burning is **only authorized with a valid burn permit** issued by the fire station serving your village.

Burn permits will only be issued when conditions allow, following a site inspection, and are **limited to the burning of green waste only.** Individuals who conduct unauthorized burning or fail to comply with burn permit requirements may be subject to citations, fines, and other enforcement actions in accordance with applicable Guam laws and regulations. The Guam Fire Department appreciates the public's cooperation in helping protect lives, property, and emergency response resources during the recovery period.

GVB/Tumon Recovery Efforts
Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) deployed its destination management teams Sunday afternoon, once conditions were safe, to begin cleanup and clearing efforts throughout the Tumon visitor district following Super Typhoon Champi. A Destination Management sweep conducted Sunday evening found minimal damage reported throughout the district at the time of assessment. Three solar street lights were reported down, while several others had been turned out of position during the storm. GVB is coordinating the necessary repairs to restore the affected lights.

GVB is continuing to assess visitor areas and coordinate recovery work to help keep public spaces accessible for residents and visitors. The majority of hotel properties remain on island power, supporting continued visitor operations as recovery progresses. The bureau is coordinating with tourism industry partners to help address visitor needs and share relevant post-storm updates. Visitors needing assistance with emergencies, translation, airport information, taxis, or transportation may contact GVB's multilingual Visitor Concierge Service, **available 24 hours a day, seven days a week**, at +1 (671) 588-3030.

The Bureau is also coordinating with tourism industry and airline partners to share relevant updates and communicate Guam's recovery status to key markets and travel partners. GVB is reinforcing awareness of Guam's visitor readiness while continuing to share updates as recovery efforts move forward.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) Suicide & Crisis Lifeline remains operational 24/7. The community may call or text 988 or chat online at 988lifeline.org.

JIC WhatsApp Channel
Follow the official JIC WhatsApp Channel for verified emergency updates, public advisories, COR announcements, weather warnings, and government service updates. Turn on notifications to receive the latest information. JIC WhatsApp Channel: https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vb8hjLbLY6d6Niqfm52k

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