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Disaster Debris and Green Waste Sites Established;
GSWA Reminder; No Illegal Dumping; Open Burning Authorized for Green Waste Only

Disaster Debris and Green Waste Sites Established

As Guam moves into the recovery phase following the passage of Super Typhoon Sinlaku, the Government of Guam, in coordination with the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA), and the Mayors Council of Guam, will open one (1) primary disaster debris site and ten (10) green waste sites across the island to assist residents with cleanup efforts.

Disaster Debris Site: Oka Point, Tamuning

Beginning Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 7 a.m., the Oka Point, Tamuning (Old Memorial Hospital site) will open and operate daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ACCEPTED at Oka Point:

- Green Waste/Vegetative Debris
 - Trees, limbs, shrubs, and leaves
- Construction Debris
 - Damaged structural materials such as lumber, roofing, drywall, furniture, rugs, and large plastic items
- White Goods/Appliances
 - Large appliances, including refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, washers, dryers, and stoves
 - Refrigerators and freezers must be empty
- Metallic Waste
 - Ferrous, non-ferrous cans, loose metals, tin
- Electronics
 - Computers, televisions, printers, and other electronic equipment.

NOT ACCEPTED at Oka Point:

- Household Trash
 - No spoiled food
- Hazardous Waste
 - Oil, battery, pesticide, paint, cleaning supplies, toxic substance, solar panel, solar light
- Tires
- Junk Vehicle or Vehicle Parts
- Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Plumbing Fixtures
 - Toilet bowl, sink, tub

This Oka Point site is for RESIDENTIAL USE ONLY. Pre-sort and properly secure your waste loads before traveling to the site. Secure all doors to large appliances. Scavenging is prohibited.

Green Waste Sites

Beginning Monday, April 20, 2026, at 7 a.m., ten (10) Green Waste Sites will open and operate daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Green Waste Sites are open for green waste only: trees, limbs, brush, grass. Residents are encouraged to use the Green Waste Site nearest to their village:

1. Oka Point, Tamuning (the **only** green waste site that also serves as a disaster debris site; refer to the list of accepted items above)
2. Asan – Old Baseball Field
3. Hagat – Old Bus Satellite Station Parking Lot
4. Hagat – Old Fire Station
5. Hagatna - Agana Pool Parking Lot
6. Humatak – Mayor’s Office
7. Inalahan – Next to Fire Station
8. Malesso – Baseball Field
9. Talofoto – DYA Cottage Home
10. Piti – Across Our Lady of Assumption Church

Additional Green Waste Sites may be announced later if they become available.

IMPORTANT: Green waste must be free of trash, plastic bags, or construction materials. Do not mix household trash with vegetative waste, as this will contaminate the mulch processing.

GSWA Operations

The Guam Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) revised schedule for this week:

- Wednesday Customers: Trash collection services are scheduled for Saturday, April 18th.
- Thursday Customers: Trash collection services are cancelled this week and will resume Thursday, April 23rd.
- Recycle Collection for all routes: Recycle Collections will be suspended until Friday, April 24th and will be delayed one week for the remainder of April through May 2026. The revised schedule will become available at www.gswa.guam.gov.

Customers are asked to place their trash carts curbside before 3:00 a.m. to ensure trash is collected.

GSWA residential customers will be allowed to dump at the Residential Transfer Stations for free through April 22nd. All others will be normally charged.

Customer Service Centers and Residential Transfer Stations resume normal business hours. For updates, visit www.gswa.guam.gov or contact customer service at 671-646-3111 or email customerservice@gswa.guam.gov.

Illegal Dumping

The Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) reminds residents that illegal dumping, often intensified during cleanup efforts, block drainage systems, cause severe property damage, and can lead to severe fines and criminal penalties. Illegal dumping can result in fines of \$1,000 or more.

Report suspicious dumping activities, to include date, time, location, type of waste, vehicle description and license plates, to Guam Environmental Protection Agency at report@epa.guam.gov.

Open Burning Authorized for Green Waste Only

The Guam Fire Department advises the public that open burning is currently authorized for green waste only (e.g., vegetation, yard trimmings). No permit is required at this time.

Open burning is strictly permitted between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. only

Residents choosing to burn must adhere to the following safety guidelines:

- Burn piles must not exceed 5 feet by 5 feet
- A readily available water source must be on site for immediate extinguishment
- Do not burn near homes, structures, or any materials that may easily catch fire
- Be mindful of surrounding neighbors, including smoke conditions and wind direction
- Notify your nearest fire station prior to burning

Personnel from the Guam Fire Department will be conducting site inspections, public education, and fire prevention outreach throughout this period. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the extinguishment of the fire and possible enforcement action. The Guam Fire Department thanks the community for their cooperation in maintaining safety.

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