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Guam in COR 3 at 10 a.m. Today; Take Action to Prepare

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Rear Admiral Gregory Huffman anticipates placing Guam and the respective military bases in Condition of Readiness (COR) 3 at 10 a.m. this morning. At COR 3, damaging winds of 39-57 mph are expected within 48 hours.

Joint Region Marianas, Naval Base Guam, Andersen Air Force Base, and Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz will also establish COR 3. All Military installations on Guam are currently securing facilities and housing residents are urged to commence heavy weather preparedness efforts in COR 3.

As of 7 a.m., Tropical Storm Bolaven was located near 10.0 degrees north latitude and 153.0 degrees east longitude, about 605 miles east-southeast of Guam, moving west at 5 mph, with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph. It is expected to maintain this general course with an increase in forward speed through late Monday. Bolaven is forecast to intensify through tonight, possibly becoming a typhoon by late Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

A typhoon watch is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. A typhoon watch means that there is a high possibility for damaging (39 mph) and/or destructive (58 mph) winds and heavy rains. This is expected as early as Tuesday morning.

What to Expect

Current forecast tracks have Bolaven passing through the Marianas late Tuesday. The latest forecasts show 6 to 10 inches of rainfall are likely, with locally higher amounts in excess of 12 inches possible. Waves may increase, possibly exceeding 15 feet, as fresh to strong sustained winds develop.

There remains uncertainty for the exact track of the system as it approaches the Marianas. Any one, or several islands, may take a near miss or a direct hit at its passage.

Efforts Underway

In preparation of the storm's approach, response efforts are underway. The Department of Public Works (DPW) has pre-staged heavy equipment in flood-prone areas islandwide and has begun clearing poor drainage areas, in partnership with village Mayors' offices. The Guam Power Authority has begun tree-trimming on Friday and continuing, especially around water well areas. The Guam Waterworks Authority continues to top off all reservoirs. The Port Authority of Guam continues to prepare the Port yard and have already begun working with gas companies.

FEMA continues to monitor and prepare for impacts from Tropical Depression Bolaven, on Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). In addition to federal teams and specialists continuing to help with recovery from Typhoon Mawar, FEMA is deploying an additional 175 federal staff to respond to Tropical Depression Bolaven, if federal help is needed. These additional personnel, includes two

Incident Management Assistance Teams that will embed with Guam and CNMI officials prior to the storm's landfall to enhance preparedness efforts.

FEMA is coordinating other federal partners, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the American Red Cross, U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Defense and Health and Human Services. These agencies and organizations stand ready to lend their support to the response efforts in Guam and CNMI. FEMA's distribution center in Guam is a permanent federal storage facility that receives, stores, and ships critical disaster resources when needed.

Prepare Now

Residents and visitors are advised to take the following precautionary actions:

- Those living in flood-prone areas should take action now; clear drainage areas and unblock storm drains to minimize flooding;
- Stay up to date with the latest information;
- Clear loose debris around your yard and store any items that may become // with heavy winds, such as canopies, tarps, and trampolines, before inclement weather arrives;
- Have an emergency kit prepared: Store enough food and water for your household for 7-10 days. Include medication, disinfectant supplies and pet supplies;
- Secure important documents such as birth certificates, tax papers, and insurance documents and keep copies in a water-proof bag;
- Review your emergency plan: If you do not have a plan, learn how to create an [emergency plan](#). Have plans for your family members and [pets](#). If you are a person with [disabilities](#) or a caregiver for [elderly](#), you may need to take extra steps to plan for those additional needs.
- Get emergency alerts: Stay informed by having a weather alert radio, battery-operated, or hand-crank radio, where you can listen to emergency news;
- Gas your vehicles and get fuel for your generators;
- Pull cash from the ATM in case of power outages;
- Don't drive through flood waters: Almost half of all flash flood deaths happen in vehicles. When in your car, look out for [flooding](#) in low-lying areas at bridges and at highway dips. As little as 6 inches of water may cause you to lose control of your vehicle.

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- 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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