



**Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 34**  
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**GWA Precautionary Boil Water Notice; GWA Tanker Update;  
Consolidation of GDOE Shelter Operations Underway;  
GFD Issues Permit for Controlled Burning;  
Preliminary Business Sector Disaster Damage Assessments**

**GWA Precautionary Boil Water Notice**

The Guam Waterworks Authority's (GWA) precautionary boil water notice (PBWN) is applicable only to customers who have lost water service as a result of Super Typhoon Sinlaku:

- If you have lost water service for 48 hours or less, you may wish to boil your water prior to consumption, though it is not mandatory.
- If you have lost water service for 48 hours or more, it is **MANDATORY** to boil your water prior to consumption.
- If you never lost water service, this PBWN does not apply to you.

For more information, please refer to GWA's original PBWN issued in [JIC RELEASE No. 33](#).

**GWA Tanker Update:**

GWA has deployed a flextanker at Maria Ulloa Elementary School in Dededo. Additionally, a 6,000-gallon water tanker has been deployed to the Yigo gym.

More tankers and flextankers are being prepared for deployment as GWA's supply vendor has begun delivering the necessary trailer chassis and container boxes to their facility. As flextankers are staged, official notification will be sent to the public. Flextankers will be deployed in the following areas:

- Astumbo Senior Center, Dededo
- Along Chalan Koda, Dededo
- Dededo Mayor's Office
- Ironwood Subdivision, Dededo
- Mataguac, Yigo
- Chalan La Chance, Yigo
- Gayinero Road, Yigo
- Mangilao Church
- Open field adjacent to the Yona Carabao, Yona

Residents are advised to bring their own containers to store and haul water from the flextanker sites.

**GDOE Shelter Operations Being Consolidated**

The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) initiated emergency shelter operations for residents who needed shelter from Super Typhoon Sinlaku. GDOE has proceeded to consolidate efforts of the evacuation center operations throughout today, in an effort to streamline efforts.

Residents who sought shelter in George Washington High School, Talo'fo'fo Elementary School, and Merizo Martyrs Memorial School will be consolidated into Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School.

Following this consolidation, the only evacuation centers that will remain operational are Astumbo Elementary School, Machananao Elementary School, and Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School.

These evacuation centers will continue to operate for those who are currently evacuated in GDOE centers.

### **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.

### **Preliminary Business Sector Disaster Damage Assessments Underway**

The Bureau of Statistics and Plans (BSP), in coordination with the Office of the Governor and the Office of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (OHS-OCD) has begun conducting the Business Sector Disaster Damage Assessment (BSDDA) Survey following Typhoon Sinlaku. This is a “preliminary” assessment intended to estimate damages to Guam’s business sector caused by Typhoon Sinlaku.

BSP, in collaboration with the Guam International Airport Authority, Department of Labor, Department of Chamorro Affairs, Port Authority of Guam, Guam Economic Development Agency, Department of Land Management, and the Guam Visitors Bureau will assess damages sustained by business establishments as a result of the recent disaster event.

Beginning today, April 16, 2026, and through tomorrow, Friday, April 17, 2026, the Government of Guam will conduct the damage assessment surveys. Businesses can expect to receive phone calls or in-person visits from designated GovGuam personnel. Government officials conducting this survey will have their government-issued ID.

For more information regarding this survey, please contact BSP Director, Lola E. Leon Guerrero at 671 472-4201/2/3 or by email at [lolalg@bsp.guam.gov](mailto:lolalg@bsp.guam.gov).

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