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### **Flood Advisory in Effect; Heavy Rainfall Possible through the Weekend**

***Special Note: With international media reports of outages for Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp, the Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise the community to use the following platforms for weather updates while this outage remains in place:***

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- Contact NWS: (671) 472-0900
- Weather hotline: 211
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- Contact GHS/OCD: (671) 478-0208

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office issued a **small stream flood advisory**, in effect for Guam until 10 a.m. A band of heavy showers has moved across central Guam. One inch of rain has fallen and rain is expected to continue through this morning for all of Guam with impacts to flood prone and low-lying areas. Additional rainfall amounts of 1 to 2 inches are expected over the area resulting in minor flooding.

Some areas that experience flooding include Dededo, Tamuning, Yigo, Mangilao, Chalan Pago-Ordot, Barrigada, Yona, Agana Heights, Andersen AFB, Talofof, Mongmong-Toto-Maite, Sinajana, Inarajan, Asan, Merizo, Piti, Santa Rita, and Umatac.

The developing disturbance near Chuuk is expected to move toward the Marianas. While there remains uncertainty of the system's intensity by the time it reaches the Marianas, heavy rainfall is expected to last through the weekend. Model guidance shows rainfall potential of 5 to 10 inches across the region, with locally heavier rainfall likely.

Excessive rainfall will cause localized flooding in low-lying and poor drainage areas, and rapidly rising streams and rivers. Take the following preparedness actions now:

- **Those living in flood-prone areas should take action; clear drainage areas and unblock clogged storm drains in your area to minimize flooding.**
- Take action if flood advisories are issued. Do not camp, park, or hike along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.
- Clear loose debris around your yard and store any items such as tents and canopies that may become airborne with heavy winds before inclement weather arrives.
- Stay up to date with the latest information. The system track or intensity may change, and advisories may be issued.
- Locate or prepare your emergency preparedness kits for your household

- Secure important documents such as birth certificates, tax papers, and insurance documents and keep copies in a water-proof bag.
- Gas your vehicles and get fuel for your generators.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD), with NWS, will continue to monitor all systems in the area and provide updates as needed.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- 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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