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Flood Warning in Effect; Avoid Driving through Flooded Roads

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office has issued a **flash flood warning** for Guam, in effect until 8:15 p.m. A flash flood warning means flash flooding is ongoing or expected to begin shortly. This warning may be extended beyond 8:15 p.m. if heavy rain persists.

Thunderstorms producing heavy rain with rain rates of one (1) – two (2) inches per hour across portions of Guam are expected. Two (2) to three (3) inches of rain has already fallen. Additional heavy showers approaching from the southeast are expected to bring an additional two (2) – three (3) inches to parts of Guam.

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

- Avoid driving on flooded roads;
- If driving, be alert for low visibilities and slippery roads in heavy rain;
- Slow down where water is ponding on the road;
- Turn Around, Don't Drown. Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away;
- Avoid camping, parking, or hiking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning;
- Visit <https://www.ready.gov/floods> to learn more.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to practice caution while traveling in rainy conditions, driving below the speed limit and allowing enough braking distance between vehicles.

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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