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Flood Watch Remains in Effect through Tuesday Morning

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office issued a **flood watch** for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, which remains in effect through Tuesday morning. Flooding caused by excessive rainfall continues to be possible.

Heavy showers and thunderstorms are associated with a tropical disturbance expected to develop within the eastern sector of the monsoon trough near the far Northern Marianas. For Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, rainfall totals with amounts between 2 and 4 inches with locally heavier amounts in excess of 4 to 6 inches are possible through Tuesday.

Excessive runoff may result in flooding of rivers, creaks, streams, and other low-lying and flood-prone locations. Flooding may occur in poor drainage and urban areas. Low-water crossings may be flooded.

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

- 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;
- Do not camp, park, or hike along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise 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/
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