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Heavy Rain and Gusty Winds Possible Wednesday through Friday

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office continues to monitor a tropical system, known as Invest 94W. The system is forecast to start to become better organized through Monday and Tuesday as it lifts slowly north out of western Micronesia. Potential is there for a tropical depression strength, to perhaps a lower-end tropical storm, to pass through the region.

At this time, a strengthening monsoonal flow will persist for the middle to end of the week. The tropical circulation, 94W, will continue to gradually strengthen as it passes through the Marianas, with heavy rainfall and gusty winds developing.

Rainfall amounts of 4 to 8 inches are expected to develop, with locally higher amounts possible. Gusty winds of 30 to 45 mph may also develop near any stronger showers or thunderstorms that develop.

Localized flooding will be possible in low-lying and poor drainage areas, while flash flooding will be possible in areas of heaviest rainfall, especially near steep terrain.

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

- Be mindful that heavy rains may hamper recovery efforts, plan accordingly;
- Clear drainage areas and unblock clogged storm drains in your area;
- Stay up to date with the latest information;
- 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, and rivers, during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to practice caution while traveling in heavy rain, 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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