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Heavy Rainfall Possible by Thursday and Friday

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office issued a hydrologic outlook for the Marianas. A surface troughing pattern will be arriving from the southeast and developing over the Mariana Islands this week. Three to five inches of rainfall are expected Thursday and Friday, with locally higher amounts likely. Rain showers will likely linger through Saturday into Sunday with additional rainfall accumulations.

Heavy rainfall could produce flooding of roadways and low-lying areas. Residents and visitors are advised to take the following precautionary actions:

- Those living in flood-prone areas should take action now; clear drainage areas and unblock storm drains to minimize flooding;
- Stay up to date with the latest information;
- If driving in heavy rain, be alert for low visibilities and slippery roads;
- 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. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.
- When thunder roars, get indoors.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise the community to stay up to date with the developing situation in the coming days.

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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