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Tropical Depression Continues toward the Marianas; Use the Next Few Days to Prepare

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office continues to monitor Tropical Depression 04W, formerly known as Invest Area 90W as it continues toward the Marianas. 04W has become increasingly organized over the past 12 hours as it has slowly tracked northwestward. It is expected to continue in this direction toward the Marianas.

As of 4 p.m., 04W was located near 8.1 degrees north latitude and 152.1 degrees east longitude, about 50 miles north-northeast of Chuuk, 620 miles southeast of Guam, moving west at 5 mph, with maximum sustained winds of 30 mph.

What to Expect

The latest forecast track from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center shows an intensifying 04W as a Category 2 typhoon passing just south and southwest of Guam Mon-Tue. This reflects a slight northward shift and slower passage than earlier projections. There still remains some uncertainty on the potential for a faster-moving tropical cyclone as well as slight shifts north or south. Any changes will have notable effects regarding potential impacts for individual locations on Guam and in the rest of the Marianas. At this early time, damaging winds of 39 mph or more are possible as early as Monday morning, with destructive typhoon-force winds of 74 mph or more possible Monday night for Guam.

The Marianas should expect increasing showers, thunderstorms, and gusty winds, developing around Monday. Until then, a breezy trade-wind pattern will persist over the region through Sunday.

Preparedness

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

- Those living in flood-prone areas should take action now such as clearing drainage areas and unblocking storm drains to minimize the potential for flooding;
- Stay up to date with the latest information;
- Clear loose debris around your yard and secure any items, such as tents and canopies, that could become airborne with heavy winds, before inclement weather arrives;
 - **Secure construction sites**
 - **Take down signs such as political campaign signs**
- Have an emergency kit prepared: Store enough food and water for your household for 7-10 days. Include medication, disinfectant supplies and pet supplies;
 - Secure important documents such as birth certificates, tax papers, and insurance documents and keep copies in a water-proof bag;
- Review your emergency plan: If you do not have a plan, learn how to create an [emergency plan](#); Have plans for your family members and [pets](#). If you are a [person with disabilities](#) or a caregiver for [elderly](#), you may need to take extra steps to plan for those additional needs.

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