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The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office reminds the public, No tropical storm/typhoon watches/warnings are in effect. Tropical storm/Typhoon Watches/Warnings are not anticipated with this event. Invest 95W will most likely pass over or near Guam later today as a tropical depression. It is an organic situation and residents should closely monitor this event.

## **Current Watches and Advisories:**

Flood Watch: Now, through 6AM Friday

**Wind Advisory**: 6AM Wednesday through 6PM Thursday; south winds 20-35mph with gusts up to 45mph

High Surf Advisory: Now through 6AM Friday; 10-12 feet surf on south, then west facing reefs.

**Small Craft Advisory**: Now, through 6AM Friday; South East winds 15-25kt with gusts to 35 kts seas of 8-13 feet.

## **Prepare Now**

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;
- Clear loose debris around your yard and store any items that may become airborne with heavy winds, such as canopies, tarps, and trampolines, before inclement weather arrives;
- 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 <u>emergency plan</u>; Have plans for your family members and <u>pets</u>. If you are a person with <u>disabilities</u> or a caregiver for elderly, you may need to take extra steps to plan for those additional needs.

- Get emergency alerts: Stay informed by having a weather alert radio, battery-operated, or handcrank radio, where you can listen to emergency news;
- Gas your vehicles and get fuel for your generators;
- Pull cash from the ATM in case of power outages;
- Don't drive through flood waters: Almost half of all flash flood deaths happen in vehicles. When in your car, look out for <u>flooding</u> in low-lying areas at bridges and at highway dips. As little as 6 inches of water may cause you to lose control of your vehicle.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- · NWS Website: <a href="https://www.weather.gov/gum/">https://www.weather.gov/gum/</a>
- · 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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