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System Forecasted to Impact Marianas as a Typhoon

The National Weather Service (NWS) - Guam Weather Forecast Office continues to monitor what is now Tropical Depression Yutu. As of 7 a.m., Yutu was located near 8.7 degrees north latitude, 156.4 degrees east longitude, about 855 miles east-southeast of Guam and 845 miles east-southeast of Saipan, moving west-northwest with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph. Yutu is expected to continue developing, becoming a tropical storm later today.

On its current track, Yutu is expected to pass just north of Saipan as a typhoon on Thursday.

There are no watches or warnings in effect for the Marianas at this time but this can change in the coming days.

There is still some uncertainty with the exact track and forecast intensity of the system as it approaches the Marianas. Although current models have it passing north of Saipan, residents and visitors of Guam should be prepared in the event there is a shift in the track.

Take Precautions Now

Due to the uncertainty of exactly how close to Guam the disturbance will pass and the strength, it is advised to **take precautionary actions now**. To prepare for any scenario, residents and visitors are advised to:

- Stay up to date with the latest information. The storm track or intensity may change and advisories regarding flash flooding or dangerous seas may be issued.
- Locate or prepare your emergency preparedness kits for your household; stock up on non-perishable food items and water for your household, flashlights, first-aid kits, batteries, matches or lighters, portable stove, toiletries, etc. Visit <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit> for more information on what to include in your supplies list.
- Secure important documents such as birth certificates, tax papers, and insurance documents and keep copies in a water-proof bag.
- Clear loose debris around your yard and store any items that may become airborne with heavy winds, before inclement weather arrives.
- Gas your vehicles and get fuel for your generators now while the weather is clear.
- Those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action; clear drainage areas and unblock clogged storm drains in your area to minimize the chance of flooding.

- Stay up to date in the event there are changes in Conditions of Readiness.

GHS/OCD, with guidance from NWS will continue to monitor the system and provide updates as needed. The community is advised to heed any advisories that come from the NWS in the coming days, as inclement weather reaches the Marianas.

Residents and visitors are advised to stay up to date with the latest information from local media and the following links:

- NWS Website: <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/>
- 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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