



Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 9
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Dangerous CAT-4 Typhoon Champi Expected; GWA Update; Emergency Evacuation Center Update; JIC WhatsApp Channel Available

Champi a Dangerous Category 4 Typhoon

- As of 7 p.m., Champi was about 145 miles east-southeast of Guam, moving west-northwest at 13 mph, with maximum sustained winds of 130 mph
- **Champi is expected to pass just south of or over southern Guam early Sunday morning as a Super Typhoon with 150 mph winds possible**
- **Southern villages:** Residents in coastal and flood-prone areas should evacuate to safe shelter. Life-threatening coastal flooding is expected.
- Closest point of approach (CPA) is expected between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday morning
 - Although the CPA is expected between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday, Dangerous, life-threatening conditions will develop rapidly once winds arrive and last well into Sunday. Do not let your guard down.
- Life-threatening coastal flooding is expected
- Flash flood warning is in effect for Guam
- **REMAIN INDOORS - Guam remains in Condition of Readiness (COR) 1**
 - Stay inside a sturdy, concrete-reinforced structure until COR 4 is announced.
 - Do not go outside during the storm, even if conditions temporarily appear calm, as conditions may be life-threatening

Guam Waterworks Authority Update

101 Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) production wells are online as of 6 p.m. GWA will not shut off the water distribution system during the storm. The Guam Power Authority (GPA) continues to work closely with GWA to manage and operate standby generators at GWA facilities.

Operations at all GWA water and wastewater treatment plants are normal. Although the GWA dispatch office has not received any reports of weather-related service disruptions or sewer overflows, instances of low to no pressure may occur as system adjustments may be performed at wells, pump stations and reservoirs to respond to power loss, fluctuations, refueling, or servicing generators.

The community may contact GWA dispatch to report water and wastewater emergencies by calling 671-646-4211 or by emailing dispatch@guamwaterworks.org. Operations crews will respond once weather conditions are safe to do so.

GWA urges the community to secure water needs and take precautionary steps by:

- Storing **emergency supplies** of water for cleaning, basic sanitation and bathing. Bathtubs, sinks, and clean plastic buckets may be used to store emergency water sources.

- Storing water for **drinking or cooking** in sanitized **food-grade containers** with lids and keeping stored drinking water supplies secured and away from direct sunlight and hazardous materials.
- **Planning to store** at least one (1) to two (2) gallons of **drinking water** per day, per person in your household.
- **Securing items** around homes and businesses which may become airborne and potentially damage water meters, outdoor faucets, hose bibs and exposed plumbing.
- **Conserving water** – a sudden influx of non-essential water use like washing cars, flushing driveways and pressure washing may cause pressure issues for everyone in the distribution system.

Emergency Evacuation Center (EEC) Update

As of 8 p.m., occupancy levels for each EEC are listed below, to include Inarajan Middle School, which was opened at 2 p.m. this afternoon:

Emergency Evacuation Centers	Max Capacity	Current Pop.	Percentage
Machananao Elementary School	334	280	0.84
Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School	349	219	0.63
Astumbo Elementary School	287	279	0.97
George Washington High School	683	56	0.08
Talofofo Elementary School	311	28	0.09
Inarajan Middle School	352	30	0.09

For more information on Emergency Evacuation Centers, see [JIC Release No. 4](#).

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) Suicide & Crisis Lifeline remains operational 24/7. The community may call or text 988 or chat online at 988lifeline.org.

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- Conditions of Readiness (COR) announcements
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- Government service updates and recovery information
- Emergency preparedness guidance

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