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Emergency Funding Approved; GFD Waives Fire Permit Requirements for Limited Fuel Storage; Judiciary of Guam Update; GRTA Update

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Rear Adm. Brett Mietus anticipate placing Guam, and the respective military bases, in Condition of Readiness (COR) 2, and Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness (TCCOR) 2 at 5 p.m. this afternoon, April 12, 2026.

JTF-M continues to take preemptive measures to posture forces and resources for rapid response supporting our interagency and local partners.

Weather Update

A Tropical Storm Warning has been issued for Guam, meaning tropical storm conditions, including winds of 39 to 73 mph, are expected within 24 hours. As of 1 p.m., Sinlaku was located 10.2N and 151.0E, about 475 miles east-southeast of Guam. It is moving north-northwest at 9 mph, with maximum sustained winds of 125 mph.

Guam can expect the onset of tropical storm force winds, of 39 mph or more, by Monday evening, and continuing as a long duration event through Wednesday evening.

Based on recent and continued northward shifts in Sinlaku's track, Guam sits with both a tropical storm warning and a typhoon watch. This means that tropical storm conditions are **expected (high certainty)** and that typhoon conditions remain **possible** but dependent on a southward shift of this potentially strong category 4, Sinlaku's track.

Emergency Funding Approved

Governor Leon Guerrero today signed into law emergency legislation appropriating up to $25 million to support Guam's response to Typhoon Sinlaku. It provides critical resources for emergency response operations, including public safety, health services, shelters, and infrastructure support. It also delivers direct funding to Guam's mayors to enable immediate, community-level response.

GFD Waives Fire Permit Requirements for Limited Fuel Storage

Effective Sunday, April 12, 2026, the Guam Fire Department will waive fire permit requirements for the storage of gasoline and diesel fuel under limited quantities. Under this temporary waiver, individuals are permitted to store up to 20 gallons total (aggregate) of gasoline and/or diesel fuel without a fire permit. All fuel must be stored in approved and properly designated containers specific to the type of fuel being purchased. This measure is being implemented to support community preparedness and accessibility while maintaining public safety standards. The waiver will remain in effect until 2200 hours on April 30, 2026. GFD reminds the public to exercise caution when handling and storing fuel, including:

- Using only approved containers
- Storing fuel in well-ventilated areas away from heat sources
- Keeping fuel out of reach of children
- Avoiding overfilling containers

Judiciary of Guam

The Judiciary of Guam provided the following updates regarding operations:

- All hearings, jury trials, jury selections, and grand jury proceedings will be rescheduled.
- Magistrate hearings will resume following the declaration of COR 4 by the Governor of Guam.
- Jurors are advised to monitor the jury recording system after 5:00 PM following the COR 4 declaration.
- Check-ins, drug testing, and appointments with the Probation Services Division will be rescheduled.
- Individuals under pretrial or probation supervision, including juveniles, should await further instructions from their probation officers and continue to comply with all other requirements.
- If a court filing is due while the court is closed, the time for filing is extended until the end of the first accessible day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. See Guam R. Civ. P. 6(a); Guam R. App. P. 11(a)(3); 8 GCA § 1.25.
- The Guam Law Library and the Judicial Education Center will be closed and will reopen under the direction of the Chief Justice.

GRTA Update

The Guam Regional Transit Authority (GRTA) fixed route and paratransit services will be suspended beginning tomorrow, April 13, 2026. Public transit services are expected to resume After COR 4 is announced.

Take Action Now

- **Stay Out of the Water! Hazardous surf and seas remain.**
- **Plan for Emergency Shelter**
- Secure your home. Put up shutters or board windows to mitigate impact;
- 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;
    - Secure construction sites
    - Take down 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.
- Get emergency alerts: Stay informed by having a weather alert radio, battery-operated, or hand-crank 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 flooding 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.

The GBHWC Suicide & Crisis Lifeline remains operational 24/7. The community may call or text the hotline at 988, or chat online at 988lifeline.org.

Visit the following links for the latest information:

- NWS Website: https://www.weather.gov/gum/

- NWS Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/
- GHS/OCD Website: https://ghs.guam.gov/
- GHS/OCD Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/
- JRM Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/jrmguam
- JTF-M Facebook: https:www.facebook.com/1CdEchVcDs/

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