

## **ADVISORY: GWA preparing for Tropical Storm Sinlaku, urges conservation, preparation and vigilance**

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**April 10, 2026 (ChST) – (FADIAN, GUAM)** – The Guam Waterworks Authority's (GWA) operations and maintenance personnel are completing water and wastewater system preparations in anticipation of Tropical Storm Sinlaku. GWA's storm mitigation efforts include:

- Coordinating with the Guam Power Authority to ensure operability of standby generators, inclusive of topping off fuel levels for generators activated at deep wells, pump stations, water and wastewater treatment plants.
- Making system adjustments to increase water reservoir supply levels.
- Preparing water tankers and flexitankers for deployment and staging at the hospital and other critical areas which may be affected with low to no water pressure following the storm.
- Performing additional maintenance on facility water tanks, booster tanks, drainage and gutters in anticipation of inflow and infiltration (I&I) caused by heavy rainfall from the storm event.
- Coordinating with the Guam Department of Education to support storm shelters.
- Securing deep well, booster pump and chlorination sites.
- Coordinating with contractors to secure active GWA project construction sites.
- Augmenting operations and maintenance personnel schedules to safely and adequately accommodate continuity of water and wastewater services
- Operating GWA's Upper Tumon Customer Service Center's regular business hours, open on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

While we all continue to receive updates from the National Weather Service (NWS) and the Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD), GWA urges the community to secure water needs and take precautionary steps by:

- Storing an **emergency supply** 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 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 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
- **Staying informed with verified sources** of information from official government channels as it relates emergency response and recovery efforts.

- **Reporting water and wastewater issues** – GWA dispatch personnel will remain operational throughout condition of readiness 1 (COR1) and is always available to receive reports pertaining to potential water pressure issues, service disruptions and sewer overflows. Reports may be submitted by calling 671-646-4211 or via email: [alerts@guamwaterworks.org](mailto:alerts@guamwaterworks.org). Operations and maintenance crews will respond once adverse weather conditions subside.
- **Subscribing** to GWA text alerts and email alerts by visiting [guamwaterworks.org/gwa-alerts](https://guamwaterworks.org/gwa-alerts).

### **Emergency Recovery: Water Quality Notices, Water Conservation and Vigilance**

GWA will immediately begin **to assess all assets** in water distribution and production, and all assets in wastewater collection and treatment upon the passage of Tropical Storm Sinlaku and any hazardous weather conditions caused by the storm. GWA will keep the community apprised of any facility conditions which may impact water and wastewater services.

The community is advised to prepare for the possible issuance of **precautionary boil water notices** (PBWN) in the event of prolonged and sustained loss of pressure in the water distribution system or failures in chlorination units as a result of Tropical Storm Sinlaku's damaging effects.

Should PBWNs be issued, GWA will coordinate with the Guam Environmental Protection Agency for concurrence and will perform all required sampling and analysis necessary to ensure that water distribution is free from harmful pathogens resulting from damages sustained by the storm.

The community is further advised to **practice strict water conservation** during recovery efforts. Refrain from washing vehicles and pressure washing or flushing driveways and sidewalks and limit water use in the kitchen and bathroom. Non-essential water usage may place unnecessary stress on pressure within the water distribution system if the system sustains serious damage as a result of the storm. Additionally, there may be an increased risk of backups and sewer overflows if wastewater pump and plant operations are compromised as a result of the storm – reducing proper collection of wastewater from customers connected to GWA's sewer.

If storm damage requires island-wide power system restoration efforts and GWA facilities must remain on standby power generation, the Authority reminds the community to stay alert and be vigilant toward any **suspicious activity near and on GWA facility sites**. Theft and vandalism at GWA facility sites have occurred during past emergency response events, causing serious delays in our water restoration efforts. Please **call 911 and report any suspicious activity** to the Guam Police Department.

For more information about this release, please contact the GWA Community Outreach Program Director at 671-300-6041 or [nrlee@guamwaterworks.org](mailto:nrlee@guamwaterworks.org). For regular updates on GWA services, follow us @guamwaterworksauthority on Facebook and Instagram - or visit [guamwaterworks.org](https://guamwaterworks.org).

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