Okinawa Typhoon Guide
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What are Typhoons?

Typhoons are tropical cyclones that form in the Pacific Ocean. The area surrounding Okinawa is a prime breeding ground for these storms due to the high humidity in the atmosphere and the warm water temperatures. When typhoons develop, they pose serious threats to the local community. Winds can soar to extreme levels (greater than 150 mph), which can send debris flying through the air. Additionally, storm surges can occur, raising water levels and intensifying waves caused by high winds.

Due to the frequency and severity of these storms, typhoon season in Okinawa starts on June 1st and continues through November 30th each year. This is the most likely time for typhoons to occur, but they can occur at any point throughout the year if the right conditions are present. If a typhoon does occur, Okinawa prepares for the storm by executing actions outlined in Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness (TCCOR).

TCCOR are graduated states of readiness based on the forecast of 50 knots (58 mph) winds. **TCCOR declarations are orders: take them seriously!** While conditions may not look bad where you are, they can change quickly and you can be caught in a violent storm without warning. Changes in TCCOR levels are broadcasted over AFN radio (89.1 FM) and published on the AFN Okinawa and Kadena Air Base official Facebook pages.
Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness (TCCOR)

TCCOR 5 (Only used outside of normal Typhoon season)
- Destructive winds are possible within 96 hours

TCCOR 4 (Default TCCOR level, unless otherwise specified 01 Jun-30 Nov)
- Destructive winds are possible within 72 hours

TCCOR 3
- Destructive winds are possible within 48 hours

TCCOR 2
- Destructive winds are anticipated within 24 hours

TCCOR 1
- Destructive winds are anticipated within 12 hours

TCCOR 1 Caution (1C)
- High winds are occurring.
- Stop all Non-Essential Travel/remain indoors

TCCOR 1 Emergency (1E)
- Destructive winds are occurring.
- Outdoor movement prohibited/remain indoors

TCCOR 1 Recovery (1R)
- Destructive winds have subsided and are no longer forecasted to occur.
- Outdoor movement prohibited/remain indoors
- Essential base recovery is occurring
TCCOR (Continued)

Storm Watch

- Strong winds are possible due to proximity of a tropical cyclone.

All Clear

- Destructive winds have passed and are no longer forecasted to occur/recovery efforts are considered complete.
Housing Residents Actions

TCCOR 5
• Review all other TCCOR level actions

TCCOR 4
• Stock up and maintain 72 hours’ worth of emergency supplies

TCCOR 3
• Fill vehicles and gas grill tanks
• Clean debris from gutters and storm drains

TCCOR 2
• Secure trash bin area other outside items/Trash Pick-up ceases
• Place sandbags on doorsills

TCCOR 1
• Fill bathtubs with water for flushing toilets
• Turn refrigerator/freezer to MAX setting
• DoDEA students are sent/remain home
• Individuals in low lying areas where flooding may occur may move inland

TCCOR 1 Caution (IC)
• Pregnant women at 37 weeks (34 weeks w/twins) report to Naval Hospital
• Pick up children from CDC/SAP ASAP
• Commissary/AAFES closed
• Monitor AFN/Shogun weather for updates
Housing Residents Actions (Continued)

TCCOR 1 Emergency (1E)/Recovery (1R)
- Report damage/utility outages to Housing Maintenance (634-4663).
- Be patient and remain indoors

Storm Watch
- Monitor for changes in TCCOR and services closure information

All Clear
- Report damage/outages to Housing Maintenance
- Reset fridge/freezer settings
- Remove sandbags from doorsills

Notional Example of TCCOR Timeline

TCCOR 4 is the default level unless otherwise specified from 01 June - 30 November

It is possible to return to Storm Watch from another TCCOR level if the storm is no longer forecasted to reach destructive wind criteria
Facility Manager Actions

TCCOR 5
- Review all other TCCOR level actions

TCCOR 4
- Ensure personnel have been identified to survey the building following a typhoon
- Ensure facility back up power is operable/fuel filled to at least 3/4 of a tank

TCCOR 3
- Ensure assigned vehicles are checked and fuel tanks full

TCCOR 2
- Secure food for individuals required to stay in the facility
- Secure loose trash and assets around facility
- Release personnel to personal quarters when building prep is complete

TCCOR 1
- Place sandbags across all doorsills except for the entrance door
- Bag all computers and sensitive electronics near windows
- Send non-mission essential personnel home

TCCOR 1 Caution/Emergency (1C/1E)
- Release non-mission critical personnel
- Ride-out storm and monitor communications channel
- Remain indoors unless directed by chain of command to support damage assessment efforts
Facility Manager Actions (Continued)

TCCOR 1 Recovery (1R)
- Remain indoors unless directed by chain of command to support damage assessment efforts

Storm Watch
- Secure loose trash and assets around facility

All Clear
- Complete walkthrough Report damage/utility outages to 18 CES Unit Control Center (DSN: 634-1915, 6456)
- Consolidate debris from within 150ft of facility to the parking lot/road
- Remove sandbags from doorsills

Emergency Family Plan (fill out on Pg 29)
- Collect important contacts list including contact information for locations your family frequents
- Map out and practice evacuation routes from each room in your home
- Establish a family communications plan and rally point
- Contact schools, daycare providers, workplaces, and apartment buildings your family uses to review their site-specific emergency plans
- Identify where the utility shut-off location is in your home and how to use it
- Write down safety considerations/skills and practice with your family
Emergency Kit

- Water (one gallon of water per person/pet per day for at least three days)
- Non-perishable foods/pet food (at least three days’ worth) and can opener
- Infant formula and diapers
- Battery powered radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alerts
- Flashlight/lanterns/chargers/portable power bank/extra batteries
- First aid kit and dust masks
- Hand wipes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- A change of clothing: long sleeved shirt, long pants, and sturdy shoes
- Prescription medications and glasses
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper — when diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. In an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe, or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Cash or traveler’s checks and change
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification, and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from ready.gov
- Books, games, puzzles, paper and pencil, or other activities for children
US Naval Hospital Considerations

At TCCOR-1C routine admissions to the US Naval Hospital at Camp Foster and outpatient visits to the hospital and all Branch Medical Clinics on island are suspended until the return to TCCOR-Storm Watch or All Clear. Emergency care is still available at the US Naval Hospital. Appointments cancelled due to typhoon conditions should be rescheduled by calling the appropriate clinics.

All expectant mothers who are 37 weeks (34 weeks with twins or high risk pregnancies) or greater gestation are advised to report to the US Naval Hospital, Camp Foster. Please check in at the Information Desk. You will be residing in the hospital during the emergency phase of the storm. Bring all prescription medications, personal toilet articles, a change of clothing, snacks (food options are limited), credit card for meals, sleeping bag and pillow. If you bring a radio, it must have earphones. Due to limited space in the Naval Hospital, you may bring only ONE adult with you (no children or pets due to safety concerns)

Cost for meals in the galley:
$3.45 – Breakfast
$5.85 – Lunch
$5.10 – Dinner
Sandbag Fill Locations

Camp Schwab

MCCS Beach area by Bldg 3219. (Open 24/7)

Camp Hansen

Camp Hansen Operations
Just North of Building 2725; 24/7
623-4724 (as needed/first come first served)
Camp Courtney

Camp Courtney Eaglette Military Family Housing (MFH) Self Help
East side of bldg. 4118; Open Mon-Sat 0800-1600
MFH Residents Only

Kadena Air Base (MFH)

Kadena Eagle Hardware MFH
Mon-Fri 0800-1700; Sat 0900-1300; Closed last Sat of month
MFH Residents Only
Kadena Air Base (Non-MFH)

Parking lot across from bldg. 721 (MPF) (Open 24/7)

Behind bldg. 3522 (Air Power Cafe) (Open 24/7)

Recycle Center (Open Mon-Sat 0730-1700; closed Sun)
Camp Foster

Units will be notified by Installation, Logistics, Support (ILS) when the lot is open for sandbag filling, generally at TCCOR-3, but no later than TCCOR-2. Units will provide their own sandbags and filling tools.

MCASF Gravel Lot (As Scheduled)
**Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Okinawa District TCCOR Guide**

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<td>No school for students ONLY if declared before 0500. Otherwise, all bus routes and school operations will continue on a normal schedule. After school activities are cancelled. All DoDEA employees report to work as scheduled for normal duty hours.</td>
<td>School will continue and students will go home at the normal time, buses will run normal routes. After school activities are cancelled. Normal duty hours for all DoDEA employees.</td>
<td>No school for students if the condition exists prior to 0500 on normal school days. After school activities are cancelled. Normal duty hours for all DoDEA employees.</td>
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<td>No school for students if declared after 0500 AND preceded by TCCOR-1, IC or IE. Buses are notified before departure. All DoDEA employees report to work as scheduled for normal duty hours.</td>
<td>No school for students if preceded by TCCOR-1, IC or IE. All DoDEA employees report to work as scheduled for normal duty hours.</td>
<td>Regular school schedule for students if declared prior to 0500 on normal school days. A or B day schedules will be posted on official news sources. All DoDEA employees report to work as scheduled for normal duty hours.</td>
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After the Storm

**USE CAUTION**

Be aware that there may be glass, debris, power lines, fires, and potentially harmful items displaced from the typhoon. You should not leave your safe area until notified by authorities that it is safe to do so. You must allow recovery personnel to do their job safely and efficiently. When unauthorized personnel are out roaming the streets and taking in the damage, they endanger both themselves and the recovery crews. Please stay put until told to leave, unless you have an emergency. When you are finally authorized to leave your safe area, use extreme caution. Check the area around your quarters, and help your neighbors as well, especially families of deployed members. Be sure to check common areas where children play. Base recovery crews check these areas, but it is always a good idea to double check just in case something was overlooked. Ensure you remove sandbags from doorsills for safety and pests.
Filing a Claim for Damage

If you have private insurance, you must first file with your insurance company. If you suffered loss or damage to your personal property due to a typhoon, you can file a claim if:

- You are an active duty member, a reservist on active duty, or a civilian Employee of the Department of Defense and you are not considered a local inhabitant of the area.
- The property was located in your assigned or authorized quarters or, located on base when it was damaged.

Please see below information on contacting your respective branch claims section:

**Air Force Claims**
DSN 312-986-8044

**Army Claims**
DSN 315-652-4742

**Marine Corps Claims**
DSN 315-645-9429

**Navy Claims**
DSN 315-634-8255

Tracks of all tropical cyclones in the northwestern Pacific Ocean between 1980 and 2005. Okinawa is the red dot on the map above.
**Family Accountability**

An online accountability system is available to families in any service. The purpose of the system is for a member to update their status, or to check on members and their families if they are in an area affected by a disaster. To register, just log on and follow the steps.

Air Force Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (AFPAAS)
https://afpaas.af.mil/

Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS)
https://navyfamily.navy.mil/

U.S. Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (ADPAAS)
https://adpaas.army.mil

**Kadena Connect App**

Kadena Connect for Android and iOS users!

This app features:

- Emergency Contact List
- Kadena Taxi Services
- Non-Emergency Contact List
- Resources
- Policies

Check it out for yourself!
Installation Warning System (AtHoc)

In order to receive notifications using AtHoc, follow the below steps. Questions regarding AtHoc notifications can be sent to 18th WG Command Post or your installation’s Emergency Management office.

1.) Right click on the white globe with purple ring located in your bottom right task bar of your work computer.

2.) Choose "Access Self Service."

3.) Go to "My Profile" tab and click "Edit" in the top right hand corner.

4.) Under "My Profile," enter your user information. At a minimum, you should have your work phone, mobile phone and text messaging; the last two fields will be where you add your government cell phone number (if applicable). It is highly recommend you add your dependents’ numbers and a personal email address as well.

NOTE 1: DO NOT use the US Flag with "315" in the phone number boxes

NOTE 2: Ensure you follow the format for the mobile phone numbers provided below the box. For example, 011+8210+last eight digits of number; 09012345678 becomes 011821012345678.

5.) Click save and close.
How to Receive Emergency Notifications in English

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Cell phones across Okinawa currently receive emergency text notifications in Japanese from mobile phone service providers such as Softbank, AU, and Docomo.

Follow the steps in this pamphlet to receive emergency notifications by email in English.

SERVICE PROVIDER EMAIL

In order to receive notifications automatically, you must first visit your mobile phone service provider to ensure you have an active email account setup through your service.

Other email accounts will not work.

You must use the email account linked to your phone through your mobile phone service provider.

1.) GETTING STARTED
   □ Download QR Code Reader

2.) REGISTRATION
   □ Scan the QR Code

   □ After scanning, Select the URL Hyperlink

   □ Click “Registration/Change/Cancelation”
Notifications in English (Continued)

An email is automatically opened. Do not change the subject or body of the message

☐ Click “Send”

☐ If asked, do you want to send it anyway? Click “Send”

You will receive an email in your inbox containing a URL Hyperlink

☐ Select URL Hyperlink

3.) SELECT REGIONS

☐ After the URL Hyperlink loads, Click “Next Registration” which is the only option at this time

☐ Read the information carefully then Click “I Agree”

The “Select Regions” page will pop up.

☐ Select the Regions that you would like to receive notifications about

☐ Click “Next”
Notifications in English (Continued)

4.) SELECT COMMUNITIES

☐ Select the communities you would like to receive notifications about

☐ Click “Addition”

☐ Select the region(s) for which you wish to obtain the distributed evacuation Information

You will repeat these steps for both Weather and Evacuation Notifications

☐ Click “Next”

5.) SELECT WEATHER / HAZARDS

Use the drop down arrow next to each option to choose which emergency notifications you would like to receive

☐ Click “Next”

6.) AFTER REGISTRATION

☐ Review your notification settings, then Click “Registration”

A page should appear that says “Successfully Registered.”
## Emergency Numbers

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Personal Emergency Numbers/Plan

Emergency Contact information:

Important Addresses:

Emergency Rally point/routes:

Other Emergency Information:
Online Resources


Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa – https://www.facebook.com/COMFLEACTOKI/

Facility Manager Typhoon Checklist

Flooding – https://www.ready.gov/floods

Kadena Air Base (18 WG) – https://www.facebook.com/KadenaAirBase/

Listen to AFN – http://www.afnpacific.net/LocalStations/Okinawa.aspx

Marine Corps Installations Pacific Public Affairs Office
Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/OkinawaMarines/
Instagram – https://www.instagram.com/okinawamarines
Twitter – https://twitter.com/OkinawaMarines


Tornadoes – https://www.ready.gov/tornadoes
Online Resources (Continued)

U.S. Army Garrison Okinawa –
https://www.facebook.com/USAGOkinawa/?fref=nf


Air Force Be Ready  Air Force Claims  Flooding  Listen to AFN

Navy Claims  Shogun Weather  Tornadoes  Wind Radar
Emergency Management Offices on Okinawa

Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa (CFAO)

DSN: 634-9331

Kadena Air Base

DSN: 634-4404

Marine Corps Installation Pacific (MCIPAC) EM

DSN: 645-2322
Cell: 080-8961-3016
https://www.mcipac.marines.mil/

U.S Army Garrison, Okinawa (USAGO)

DSN: 652-1943/4385