



A FLASH-FLOOD WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Issued at 6:00 pm, Tuesday 4th October, 2022

A strong tropical wave with a high chance (70%) of further development within the next 5 days is expected to affect our islands from tonight with activity persisting over the next few days. As a result, pockets of moderate to heavy showers, periods of light rain and isolated thunderstorms are predicted. Model guidance suggests that rainfall accumulations of **75-100 millimeters** (approximately **3-4 inches**) with isolated higher amounts in mountainous areas are possible by the end of the week.

As a result, the weather advisory that was already in effect for a low risk of flooding for St. Vincent and the Grenadines has now been upgraded to a Flash-Flood Watch until further notice. **Residents and motorists in areas prone to flooding and landslides or near rivers and streams should exercise caution.**

A Flood-Watch is issued when conditions are favourable and there exists the possibility of flooding during the watch period.

This flash-flood watch may be upgraded to a warning if conditions warrant.

In addition, strong wind speeds ranging between **35 to 55 km/h (22 to 34 mph)** with higher gusts near showers are forecast to accompany the aforementioned tropical wave. Seas are forecast to become moderate to rough in open waters with swells ranging between **2.5 to 3.0 meters**. Therefore, the following advisories will also come into effect for St. Vincent & the Grenadines from today, 6:00 pm, Tuesday 4th October, 2022:

High Wind Advisory:

Residents are strongly urged to be vigilant against falling tree limbs, loose outdoor objects and disconnected over-head wires.

Marine Advisory:

Only vessels capable of withstanding swells ranging between 2.5 to 3.0 meters should venture out. Sea bathers are advised to stay out of the water.

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