

Unbelievable. Dicey. Is this the stormflood of the century?

Waterfalls cascade off cliffs in kaaawa. Passing down the hill, rains pass like ghosts, sheets of water pour through rock walls, soak rugs, creep up furniture, rescues beginning. Old people unable to get out of their homes in low lying areas, large fire trucks pumping out water, roads almost impassable below nearer the coast and flatlands of Kaaawa. Rock slides by the Point, Kualoa impassable, Waikane and Kahaluu too. The other direction, Kahana threatening to overflow the bridge, roads closed at Punaluu, Turtle Bay almost closed off completely, Waimea Bay impassable. Flash floods warning extended now for Honolulu. Schools closed all around.

A waterfall in our backyard near the altar from the road, waterfalls looking for a path since cement roads deter the normal passageways. I felt safe on the hillside, but water flowing by so rapidly and even under the house, steps, I hope it does not undermine the structure. It is getting more dangerous. Still have electricity. Ian Lind and Meda and others are out documenting the situation between almost ceaseless downpours. 3 inches per hour, we are at a convergence of high and low systems augmented by the Koolau mountains. We are cut off from the rest of the island in all directions. We are not alone.

I ventured out between the drenching deluges and took pictures, but the spectacles of water are so grandiose and magnificent that a camera can not capture the scene, the big picture of 40 plus waterfalls, vermillion earth painting the blue bay red, flowing into the ocean as far as the eyes can see.

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