



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, October 27, 2025



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 2 Activation



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Response Regional Coordination Team



Team	County Location	Visits
Region 1: Jim Roberts	Lee	Travel to Region 9 (G-141 Course)
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Lee	Travel to Region 9 (G-141 Course)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Baker	USF Intern EM Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole / Lake	Flood Response
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Lee	Travel to Region 9 (G-141 Course)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	Office Admin / Vehicle Maintenance
Region 8: Amber Durden	Leon	Response Coordinator Onboarding
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin / Vehicle Maintenance
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	FIFA WC First Net Meeting / SIP Support

Region 1 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 3

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 3

Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Leave	See Coverage
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leave	See Coverage
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	UCF Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Walton	Technical Assistance
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Regional Recovery Coordination Meeting
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Polk	Internal Stakeholder Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Palm Beach	FAU Meeting
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Sarasota	Admin Duties / Team Call
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 1 & 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

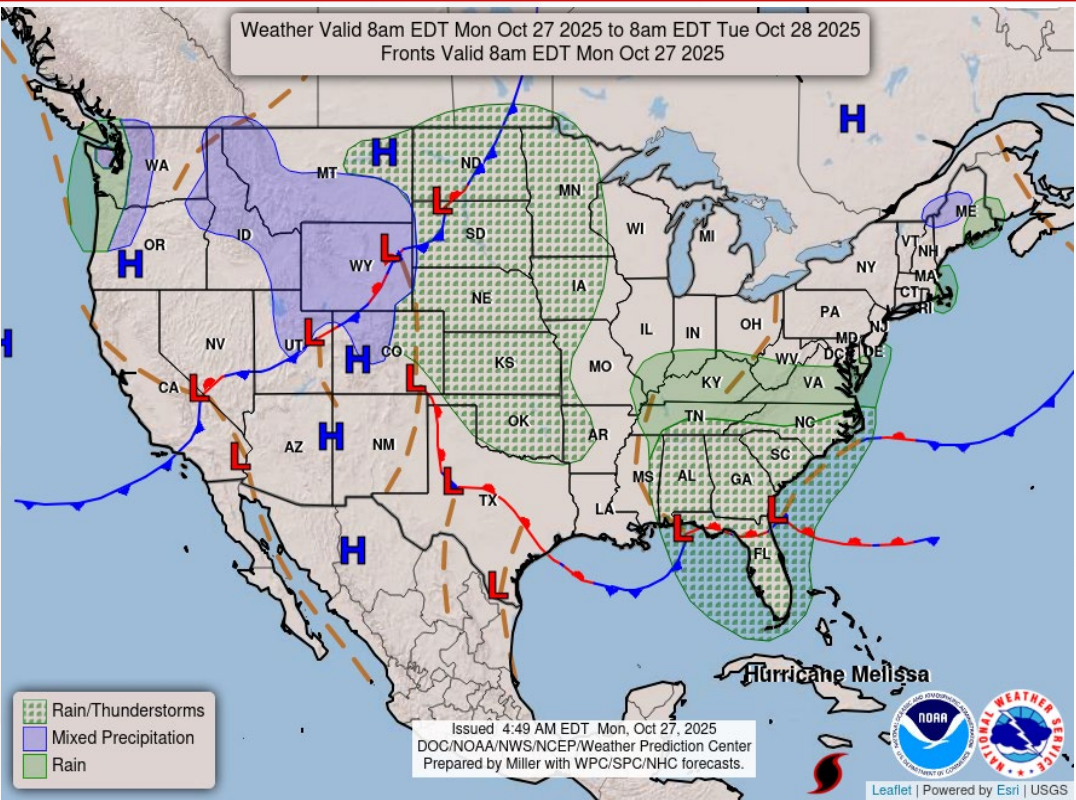
Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinators 2 & 4

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
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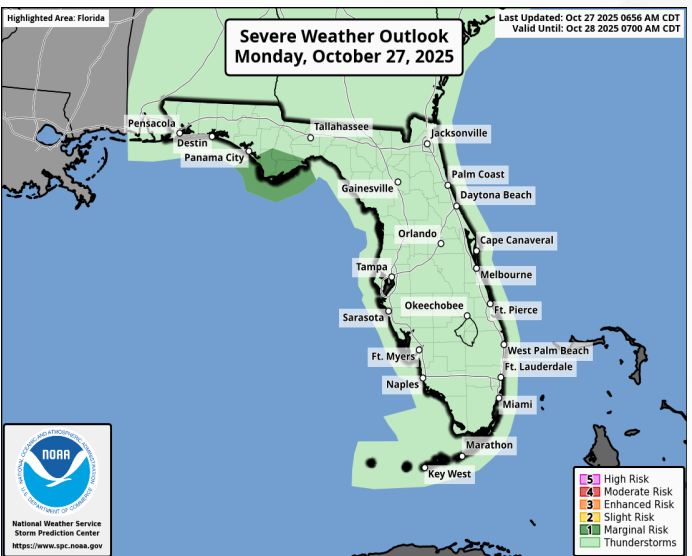


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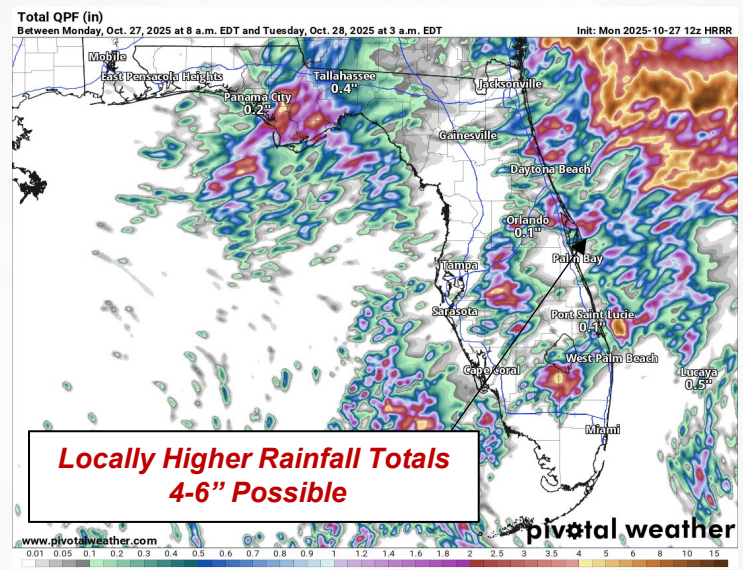


Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	M	M	L	M	L	L	M	L	M
Tornado		L								
Damaging Wind		L	L		L			L		L
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L	L	L	L	M			M		L
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)										
Coastal Flooding										
Rip Currents	H	H	L	H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.90 ft. (1.16 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	427 (+7) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



Severe Thunderstorm Risk - Today



24-hour Forecast Rainfall Totals



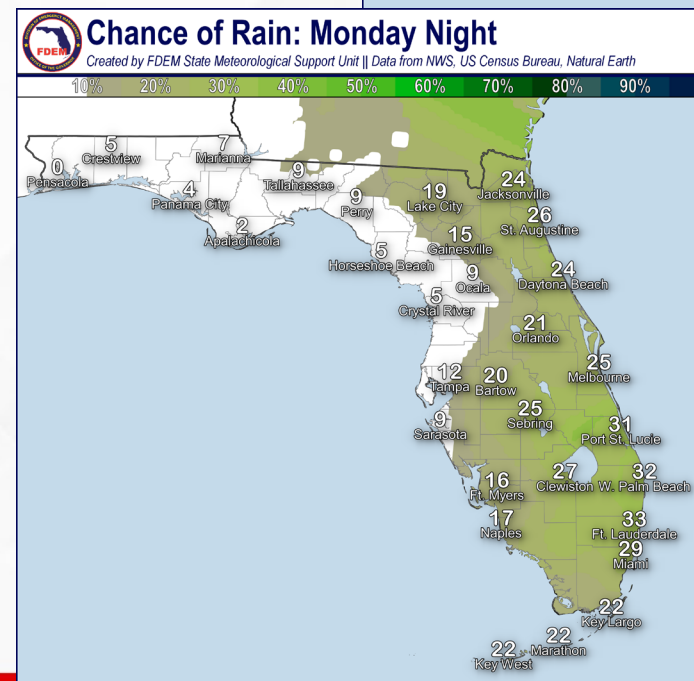
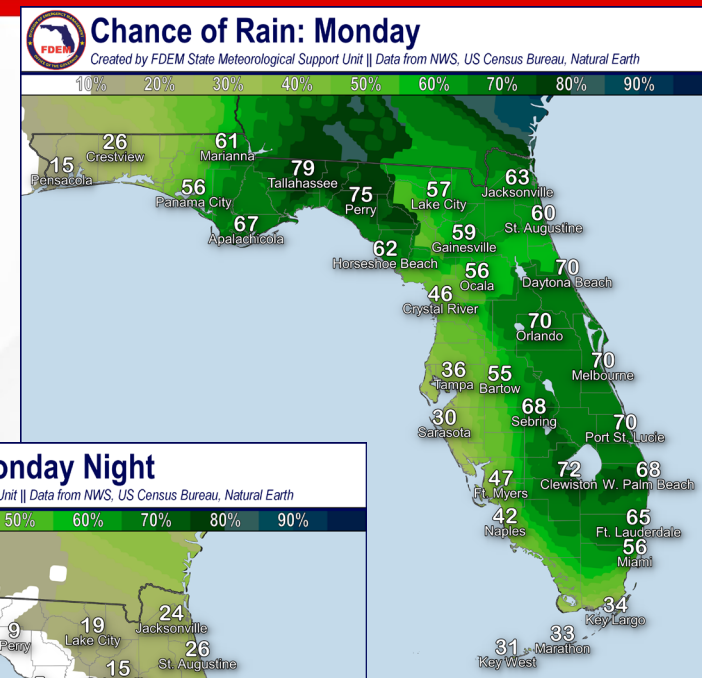
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another active weather day can be expected across Florida, with an evolving frontal system promoting widespread rain chances nearly statewide (55-80% chance of rain). On current radar, a band of showers and embedded thunderstorms is moving through the Capital City region. Ingredients along the US-98 corridor and Forgotten Coast are supportive of **strong to severe thunderstorms** capable of producing locally damaging wind gusts, frequent lightning, and an isolated tornado or two. The Storm Prediction Center (SPC) is outlooking a small **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** for this morning's activity, and several **Severe Thunderstorm Warnings** have been issued this morning. While the severe thunderstorm risk is not extended eastward along the frontal system, a few thunderstorms may produce locally damaging wind gusts, frequent lightning, and locally heavy downpours into the Florida Big Bend this afternoon.

Elsewhere across the state, ample moisture will once again support the development of scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms with the greatest coverage of activity residing along the I-95 corridor (60-80% chance of rain). This region received excessive rainfall over the past 24 hours, so while a few strong thunderstorms will be possible, additional **heavy rainfall and instances of flooding** are the primary concerns. While thunderstorms look to be somewhat more progressive compared to yesterday, today's activity will tend to be more training in nature, or moving over the same areas for an extended period of time. Saturated soils and remnant rainfall runoff will likely lead to a quicker onset to any additional **flash flooding**. The **Flood Watch** has been extended to 8:00 PM EDT this evening for East-Central Florida. Rainfall totals of 1-3" can be expected; however, heavy showers and thunderstorms may produce rainfall totals upwards of 4-6" through the afternoon and evening hours.

While cloud coverage increases through the day, deep moisture will allow for afternoon high temperatures to reach the upper 70s to middle 80s statewide. Rain chances will gradually dissipate from west to east across the state, with lingering rainfall chances existing along the I-95 corridor tonight (25-35% chance of rain). Low temperatures will reach the upper 50s to lower 60s across North Florida and remain in the 70s throughout the Florida Peninsula.

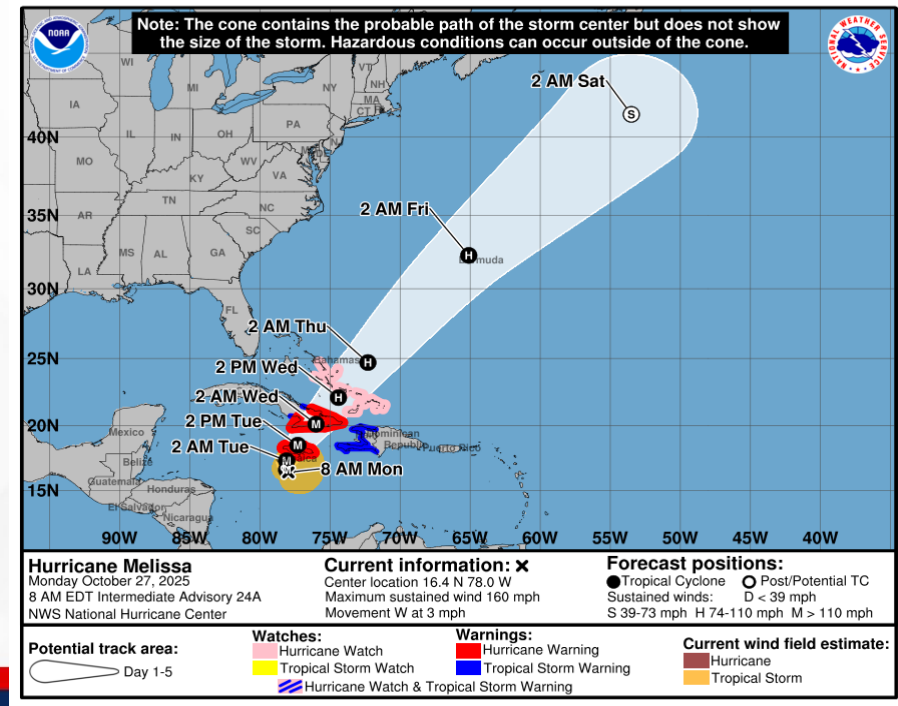
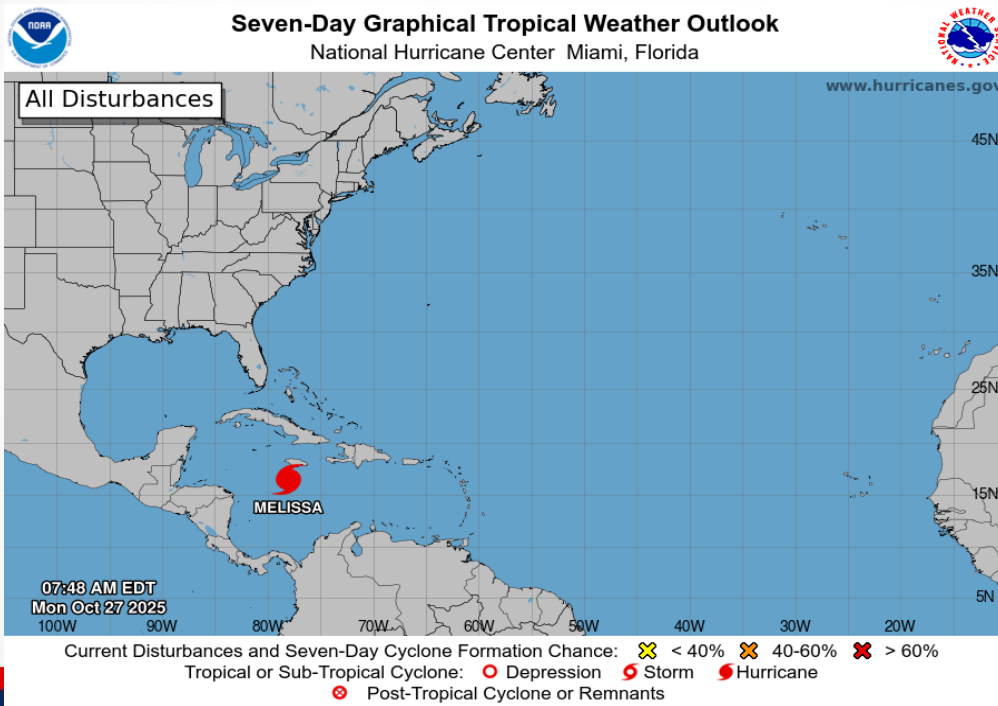




Tropical Weather

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

Major Hurricane Melissa: As of 8:00 AM EDT, Melissa is a powerful Category 5 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 160 mph. Melissa is currently about 135 miles southwest of Kingston, Jamaica, and is moving westward at 3 mph. A slow turn toward the northwest and north is expected today and tonight, followed by a northeastward acceleration beginning on Tuesday and continuing through at least Thursday. On the forecast track, the core of Melissa is expected to move near or over Jamaica tonight and Tuesday, across southeastern Cuba Tuesday night, and across the southeastern Bahamas on Wednesday. Some additional strengthening is forecast today, with fluctuations in intensity likely before Melissa makes landfall on Jamaica early Tuesday. Melissa is expected to reach Jamaica and southeastern Cuba as a powerful major hurricane, and will still be at hurricane intensity when it moves over the southeastern Bahamas. ***Melissa poses no direct threat to Florida; however, this system continues to be closely monitored.***





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: There is a **high risk of rip currents** along all Florida East Coast beaches today, with a **moderate to high risk** for the Florida Panhandle coastline. A low risk of rip currents continues for the Florida West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights along the Florida Atlantic Coast will continue to ease today, with breakers in the surf zone reaching **4-6'** by this afternoon. Wave heights of 2-3' will be possible along Florida Panhandle beaches as a frontal system advances across the region.

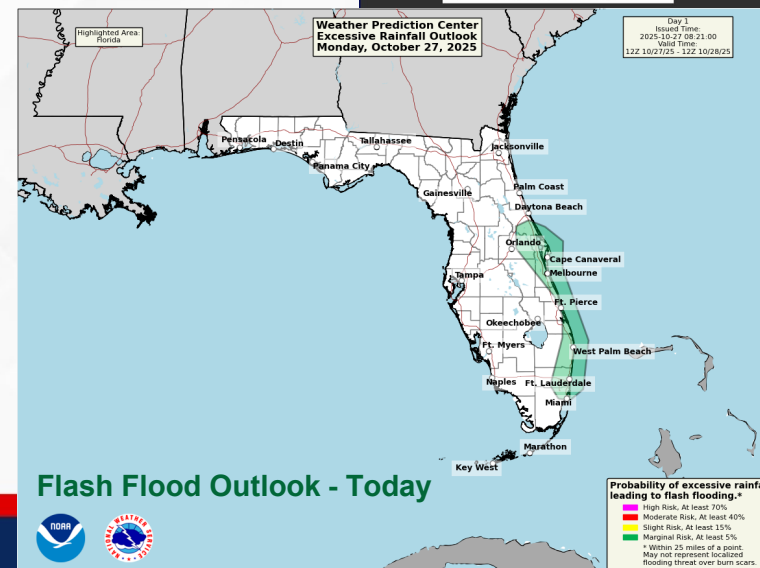
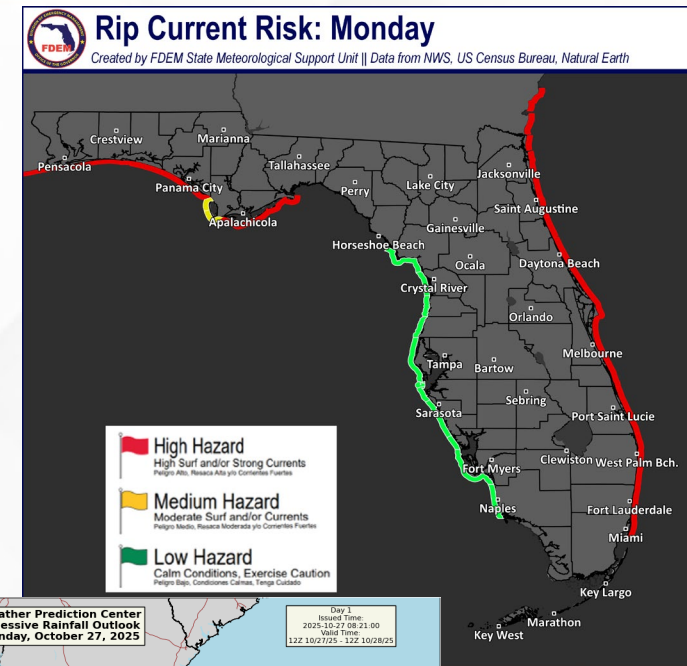
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations offshore Sarasota County in Southwest Florida. It was also observed at medium to high concentrations from Gulf County in Northwest Florida. Red tide was not observed along the Florida East Coast (10/24).

Coastal Flooding: There is no risk for coastal flooding today.

Flash Flooding: The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) maintains a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** along the Florida Space and Treasure Coasts as additional rounds of showers and thunderstorms look to develop across the Florida Peninsula this afternoon. The **Flood Watch** has been extended to 8:00 PM EDT this evening throughout East-Central Florida. While shower and thunderstorm activity look to be a bit quicker-moving today, repeated rounds of rainfall could lead to **locally higher rainfall amounts of 4-6"**. Instances of **flash flooding** will be possible, especially for those locations in East-Central Florida that experienced extremely heavy rainfall over the past 24 hours. Thunderstorms may be training in nature or move over the same areas for an extended period; this would ultimately exacerbate any flood vulnerability that took shape last night.

Riverine Flooding: A **River Flood Warning** remains in effect for the [St. Johns River at Astor](#) as water levels remain steady in **minor flood stage**. Following last night's heavy rainfall event, already elevated water levels throughout the St. Johns River will likely rise through the week including [near Deland](#), [Sanford](#) and [Lake Harney](#). The St. Johns River at Astor is now forecast to rise into **moderate flood stage** later today. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.90 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.16 feet below normal for this time of year.



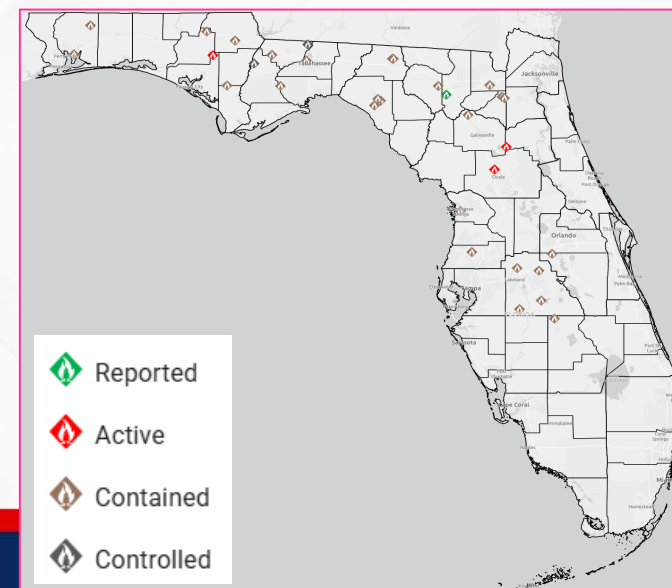
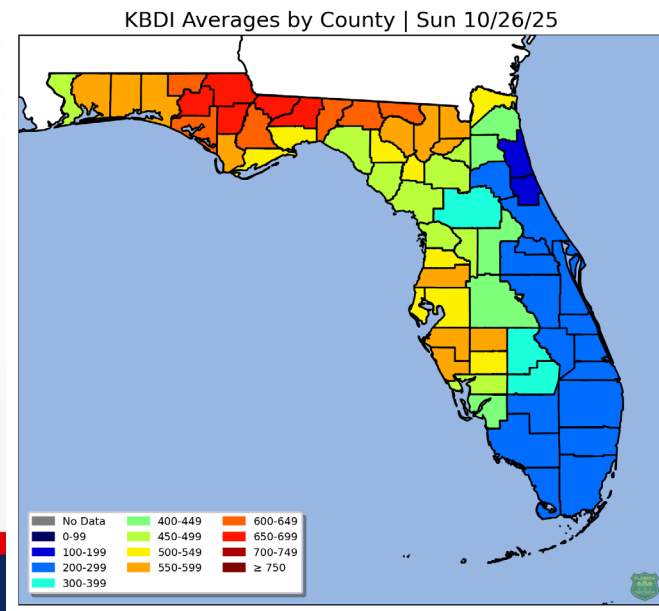
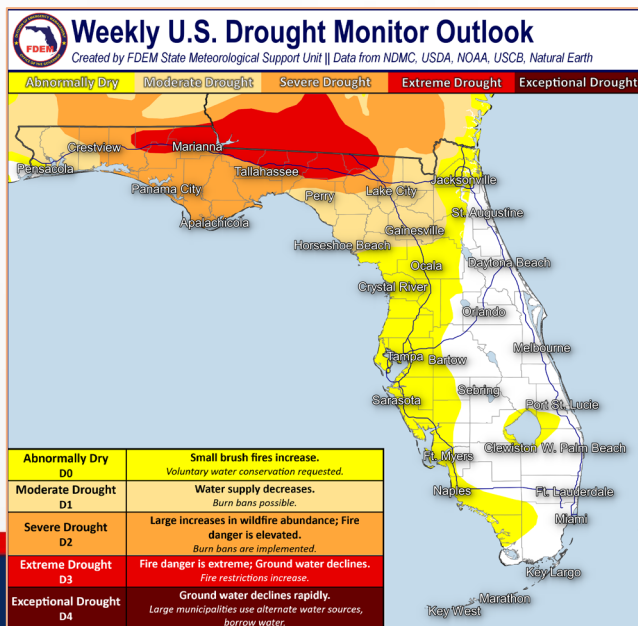


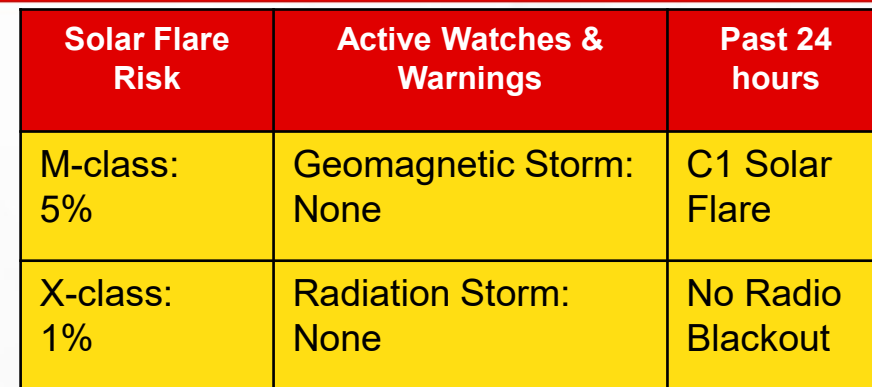
Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Widespread rainfall chances return to the Sunshine State (55-75%), keeping relative humidity values well above critical thresholds. Winds outside of thunderstorm activity will be generally light, with wind gusts reach 10-15 mph this afternoon. Some thunderstorms may be capable of producing gusty/erratic winds and frequent lightning. Over locations experiencing prolonged drought/dry vegetation, lightning may ignite new wildfires; however, the overall wildfire threat today across Florida is low. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 32 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 170 acres.

Drought: Although rainfall chances have generally been very low the past week, very wet soils from a rather wet early October has kept any drought in check across much of the Florida East Coast. However, a different story is unfolding across the western Peninsula and I-75 corridor where some slight expansion of the abnormally dry (emerging drought) has been added to last week's drought monitor outlook across interior Hillsborough, Charlotte, Collier, and Monroe counties. The cold frontal passage on Sunday brought some beneficial rainfall to the western Peninsula, however with amounts generally below 1", there was no significant dent made in the emerging drought. Longer term (60-90 day) rainfall departures remain around 4-6" below normal for much of West-Central Florida and worsening drought conditions are expected as rainfall chances remain low through the next week or so. Further north, there was some slight expansion southward of the **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** into northern Levy County and southern Dixie county across the Big Bend region. **Severe (level 2 of 4)** to **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** remains in place across much of the Panhandle where a lack of rainfall and very low soil moisture prevails. Like the western Peninsula, the cold frontal passage from this past Sunday (10/19) brought a bit of beneficial rainfall, but not nearly enough to make a dent in the drought. In fact, some expansion eastward of the **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** into Madison and Hamilton counties was added on this week's drought monitor outlook. No significant changes were made elsewhere across the Panhandle with **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** conditions persisting for interior Northeast Florida and the Suwannee Valley.

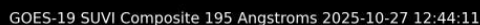
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **427 (+7)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **32** Florida counties (Baker, Bay, Calhoun, Columbia, DeSoto, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hernando, Holmes, Hillsborough, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Nassau, Okaloosa, Pasco, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Suwannee, Union, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington) that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

10/27	10/28
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 35% severe activity = 15%



Space Weather: Solar activity is forecast to remain low during the next 24 hours; however, we are monitoring the arrival of a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the Sun on 10/23. Solar winds are expected to increase on today into Tuesday, especially as a large coronal hole becomes Earth-facing and induces further increases in solar wind activity. Active geomagnetic levels can be expected today, with increasing chances for a minor (G1) geomagnetic storm overnight. More widespread minor (G1) geomagnetic storming is expected on Tuesday, with an isolated chance of moderate (G2) storming possible. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



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Phone:	800-320-0519, 850-815-4001, 850-591-0071 (Backup Cell)	Operational	
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Email:	SWP@em.myflorida.com	Operational	
SWO Tracker:	https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/	Operational	
SLERS:	DEM Statewide	Operational	
FNARS:	WGY974	Operational	
Federal NAWAS:	State Watch Office	Operational	
EMnet Message:	FL.000- State Watch Office	Operational	
EMnet Voice:	FL SWP- State Watch Office	Operational	
IPAWS:	LP.1 Stations via Emnet	Operational	
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Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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