



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, November 5, 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	Gadsden	UAS Coordination Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Exercise Planning Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Flagler	County Fairgrounds Groundbreaking
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Polk	Response Training Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Hardee, Okeechobee	LMS / Okeechobee LTR Meeting
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	Office Admin / Inventory
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	FGCU EM Visit
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward, Miami-Dade	Regional HazMat Meeting / OVS UC Meeting / Healthcare Coalition Meeting

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6

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	Jefferson	FEMA J.I.T. Recovery Management Meeting
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	St. Johns	County Planning Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Brevard	SBA Damage Assessments
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Hernando	MGT-381 Training
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Brevard	SBA Damage Assessments
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Brevard	SBA Damage Assessments
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Sarasota	Administrative Duties
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2

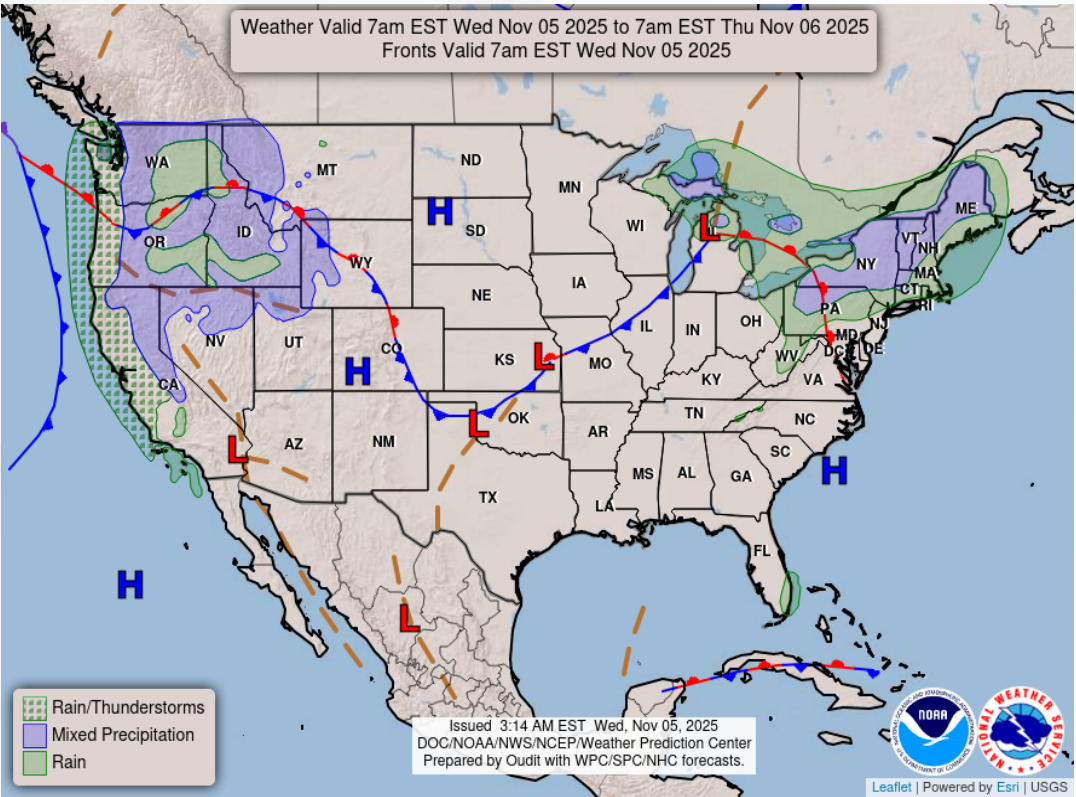
Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinators 2 & 4

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

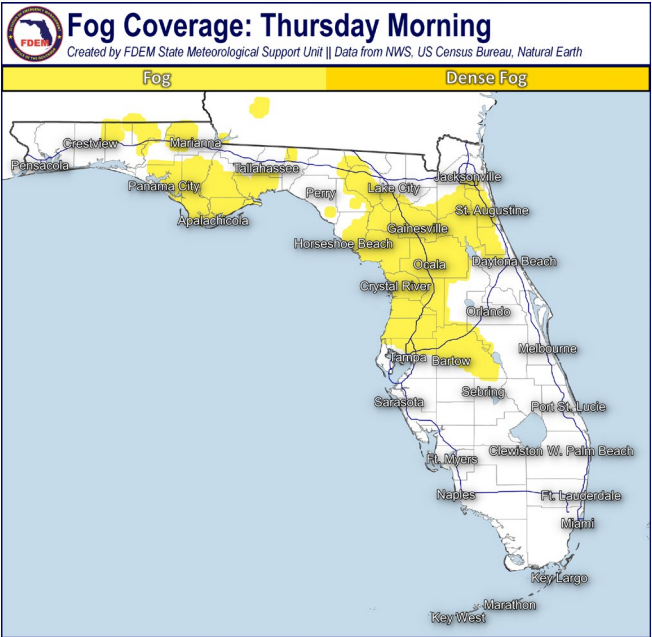
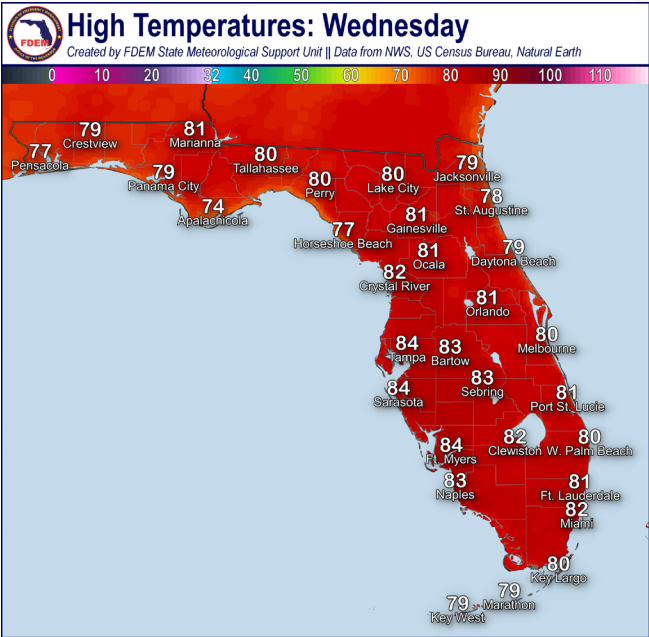


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Wildfire	L	L	L	L						
Fog (Overnight)	L	M	M	L	L	M				
Coastal Flooding			L					L		L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.88 ft. (1.15 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	417 (+5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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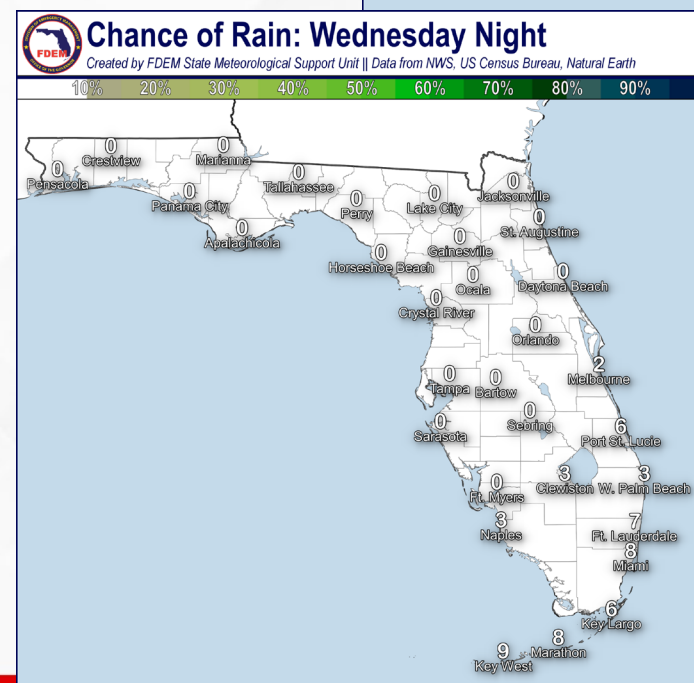
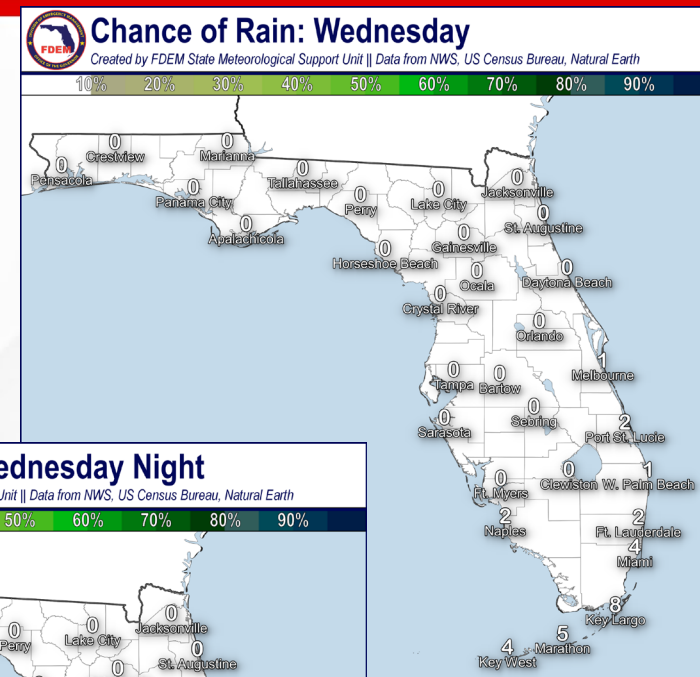
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Patchy areas of dense fog have developed this morning across portions of the Suwannee Valley and interior Northeast Florida leading to reduced **visibilities of less than a mile** in places. These conditions should continue to gradually lift and dissipate as the sun rises throughout the early to mid-morning hours. As high pressure settles in over the southeastern U.S. a near-zero chance of rain can be expected throughout the Sunshine State once again. Plenty of sunshine and dry conditions can be expected throughout the day leading to another pleasant fall day. Lingering **breezy wind gusts of 15-20 mph** will continue along South Florida but will relax later this evening. Despite relative humidity values recovering today and keeping above critical thresholds this afternoon, **sensitive wildfire conditions** will persist throughout northern Florida given the **worsening drought conditions** and **growing rainfall deficits**.

High temperatures will warm up into the upper 70s to lower 80s across the state, with portions of West-Central Florida approaching the middle 80s.

Dry and calm conditions can be expected throughout the state overnight with a near-zero chance of rain continuing. Another round of **patchy to scattered fog** will develop overnight and into Thursday morning throughout much of North Florida and extending into the Suwannee Valley and Nature Coast.

Low temperatures will fall into the 50s throughout North Florida, lower to middle 60s across Central Florida and upper 60s to middle 70s across South Florida overnight.

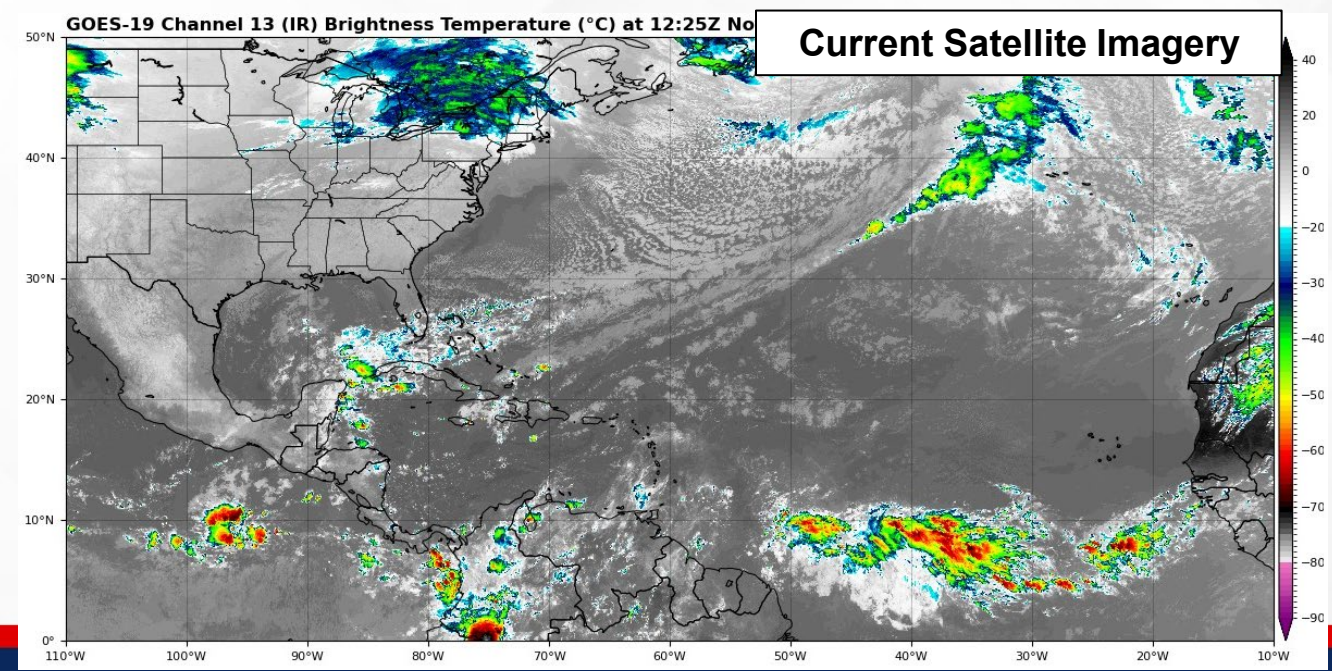
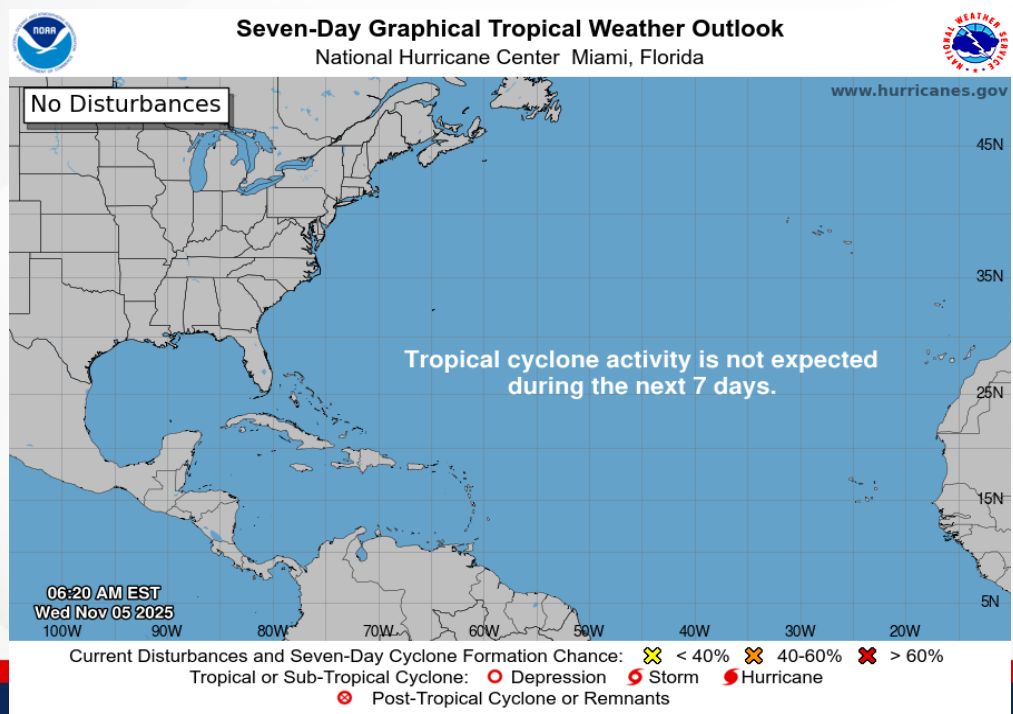




Tropical Weather

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

Tropical cyclone activity is **not expected** during the next 7 days in the Atlantic basin.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **high risk for rip currents** has returned along all East Coast beaches due to breezy onshore winds. Much of the Panhandle will see a **moderate risk for rip currents**. All other beaches can expect a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Ocean swells across the state continue to decline across the state but will remain **elevated at 3-5'** for all Atlantic beaches. Panhandle and Gulf Coast beaches will see wave heights near 1-2'.

Red Tide was observed at background concentrations from Pinellas County and offshore Lee County in Southwest Florida. In Northwest Florida, red tide was observed at background to high concentrations in Bay County and medium to high concentrations in Gulf County. It was also observed at background concentrations from Flagler County along the Florida East Coast (10/31).

Coastal Flooding: **Coastal Flood Statements** have been issued along portions of the Treasure Coast and Southeast Florida coast given elevated tides due to Tuesday night's Supermoon, elevated surf and breezy onshore winds creating instances of **nuisance and minor tidal flooding** near and during times of high tide. Elevated tides and weaker onshore winds along the tidal St. Johns may keep water levels below minor flood stage; however, elevated water levels are still anticipated and could lead to **nuisance tidal and saltwater flooding**.

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today.

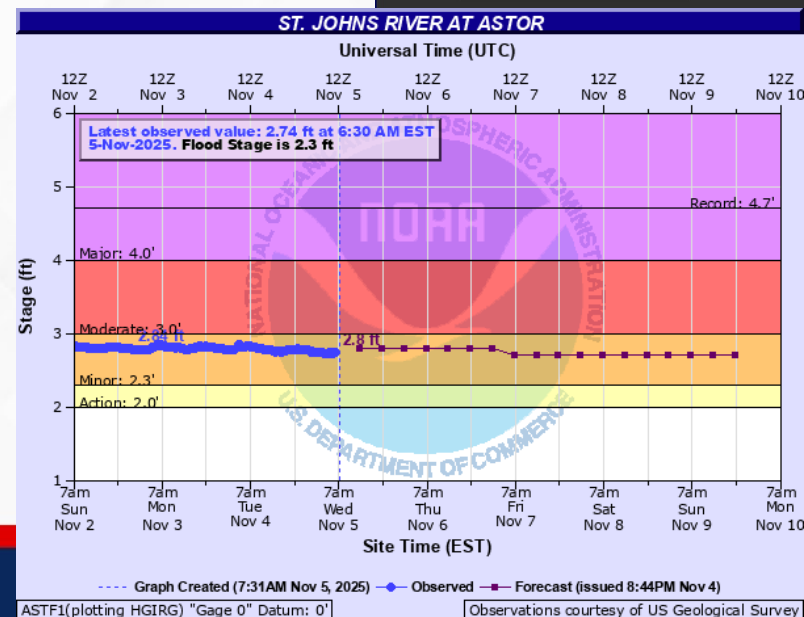
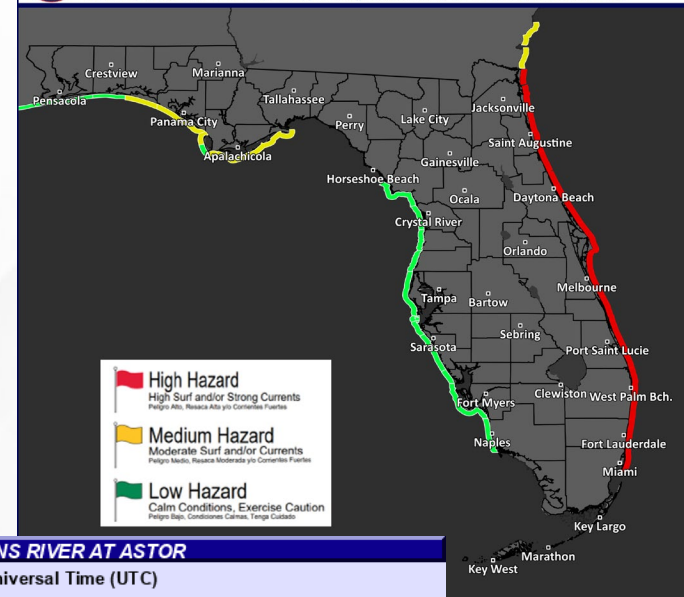
Riverine Flooding: Water levels have slowly begun to discharge across the St. Johns River after last weekend's heavy rainfall and recent coastal action. The [St. Johns River at Astor](#) has fallen back into **minor flood stage** and is forecast to hover in minor flood stage for at least the next week, with additional rises possible as onshore winds return early next week. Additional points along the headwaters of the St. Johns River including [Deland](#), [Sanford](#) and [Lake Harney](#) also have elevated water levels, with Lake Harney in **minor flood stage**. A **River Flood Warning** is in effect for the St. Johns River above Lake Harney and at Astor as water levels remain in **minor flood stage**. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.88 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.15 feet below normal for this time of year.



Rip Current Risk: Wednesday

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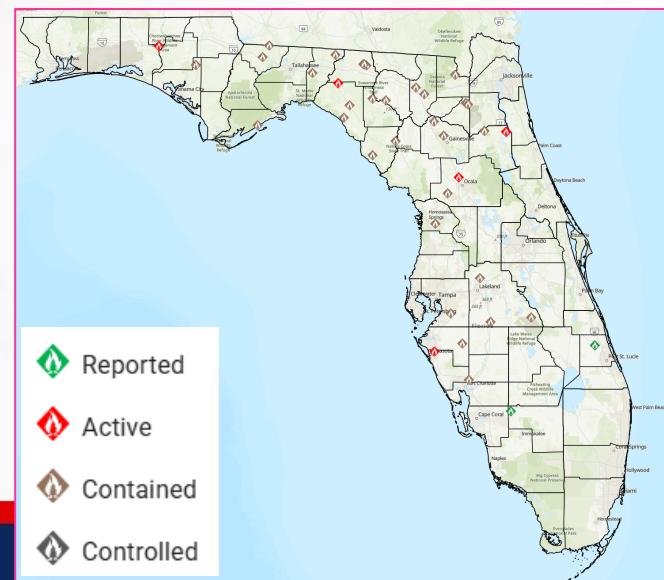
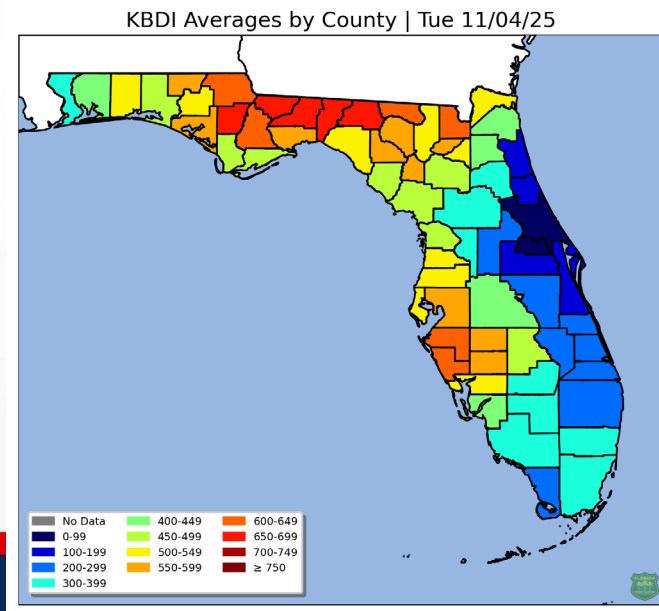
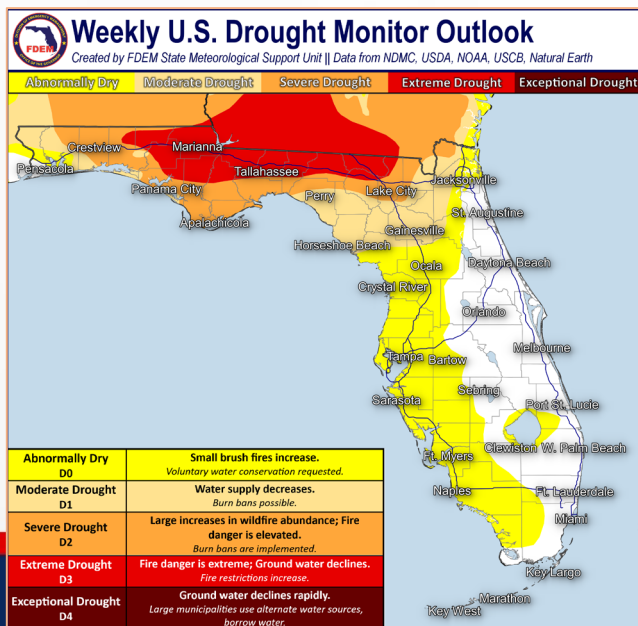


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Moisture will start to recover today leading to relative humidity values remaining above critical thresholds throughout the state. With warm and dry conditions developing over northern Florida, **sensitive wildfire conditions** will persist due to ongoing drought and expanding rainfall deficits. Linger breezy **wind gusts of 15-20 mph** will continue across portions of South Florida and the Keys, while calmer winds return for the rest of the state. Patchy to scattered fog will be possible overnight Wednesday and into Thursday morning throughout much of North Florida and extending through the Suwannee Valley and Nature Coast. *Instances of fog may further reduce visibilities where there are ongoing wildfires.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 39 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 205 acres.

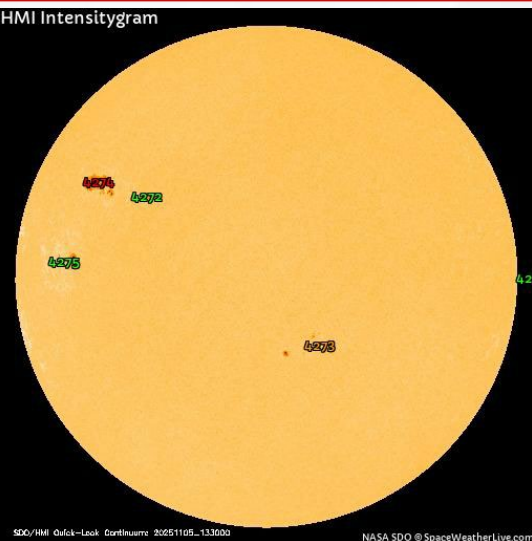
Drought (10/30): Widespread rainfall was unfortunately not found across the state in the past week or so, though some beneficial rainfall did occur in parts of the state. However, this rainfall generally fell in areas that were already saturated and above normal in rainfall for the month. Across South Florida, abnormally dry (emerging drought) conditions were expanded further inland across Collier, Hendry, Glades, and Highlands counties and remains in place for the rest of the Florida West Coast. Monthly rainfall departures remain 2-3" below normal for much of West Central Florida and drought conditions are likely to slowly worsen heading into November. A different story is found along the Florida East Coast where persistent onshore winds for much of the month of October have brought above normal rainfall for the month. As such, drought conditions remain in check along the I-95 corridor. Further north, 30-day rainfall departures also remain 2-4" below normal across the I-10 corridor which has resulted in persistence of the worsening drought conditions. **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. The frontal passages over the past week were unable to bring enough heavy rainfall to make any real dent in the dry conditions. In fact, some expansion south and eastward of the **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** into Hamilton, Liberty, Calhoun, Washington, and Bay 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 **417 (+6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **31** Florida counties (Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Charlotte, Columbia, DeSoto, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Nassau, Okaloosa, Pasco, Pinellas, Sarasota, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, and Washington) that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

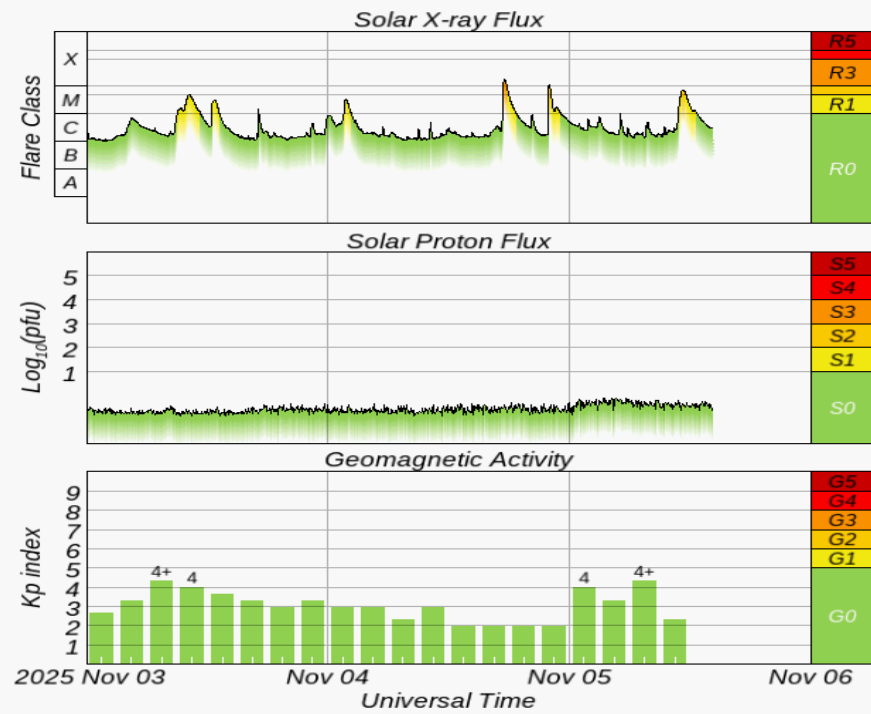
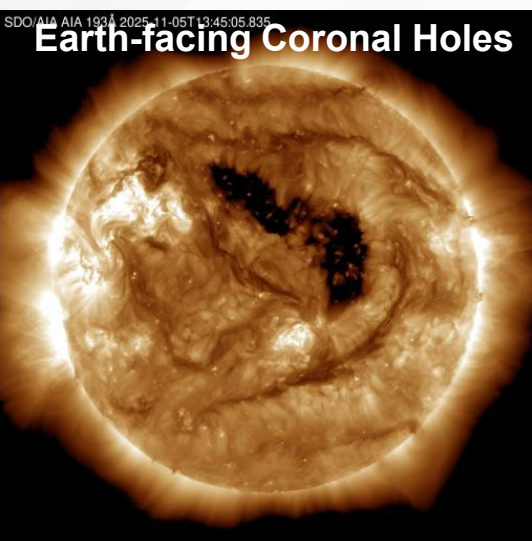




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 65%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	X1 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	R3 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
11/5	11/6
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Solar activity has increased since yesterday as sunspot #4272 produced a large significant (X-class) solar flares. Additional strong to significant (M-class to X-class) solar flares will be possible due to the complex structure of sunspot #4272. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will be possible with any M-class solar flares and strong (R3) radio blackouts will accompany any X-class solar flares. Solar wind conditions will continue to trend towards nominal levels through the next day or two. Solar wind conditions will likely increase later this week with the arrival of Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds and three Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) that left the sun of 11/3. The Earth's geomagnetic field will remain at quiet to unsettled levels through today. The arrival of CH HSS winds and the CMEs will lead to active conditions returning to the geomagnetic field later this week. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.



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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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