



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, November 8, 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	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 8: Amber Durden	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

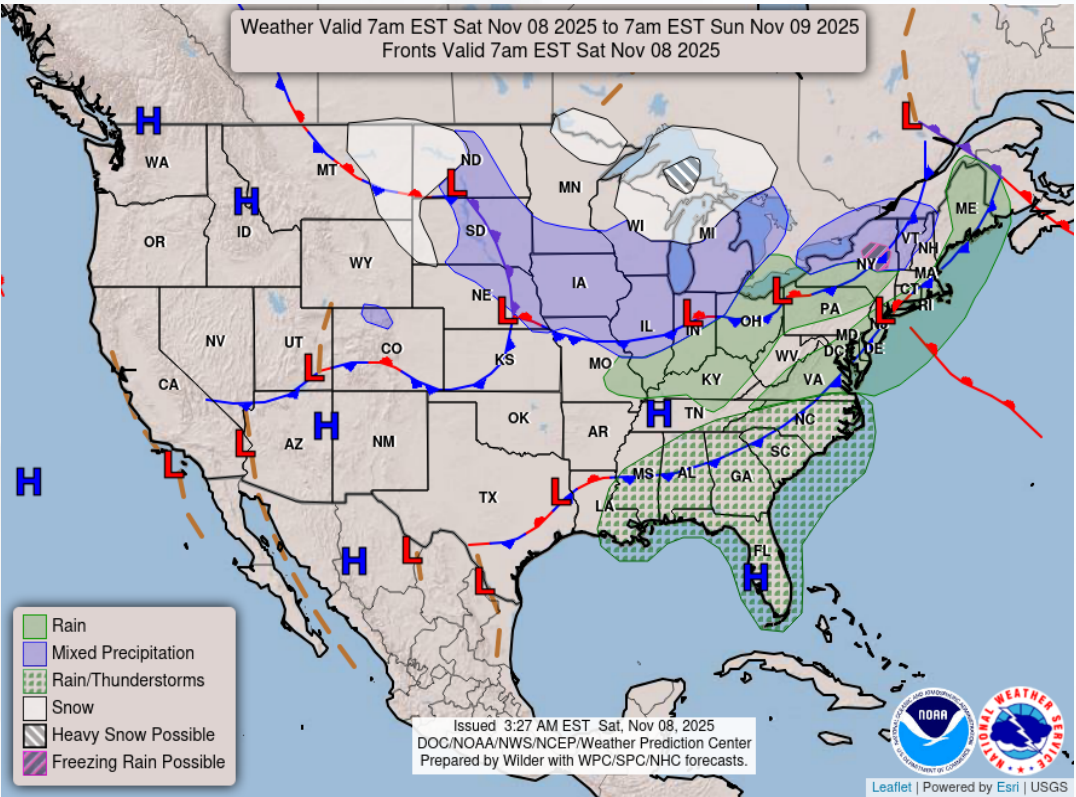
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Leave	See Coverage
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	On-Call Coverage for R2
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Leave	See Coverage
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Leave	See Coverage
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2
Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2
Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Status
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In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
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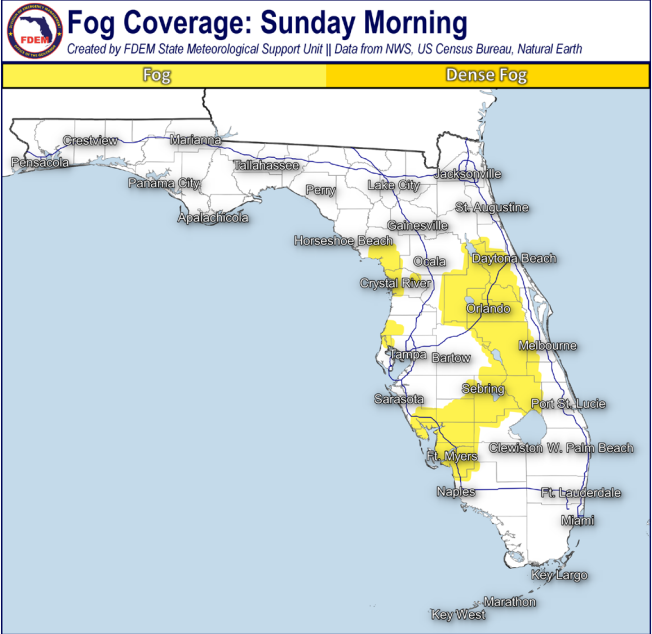
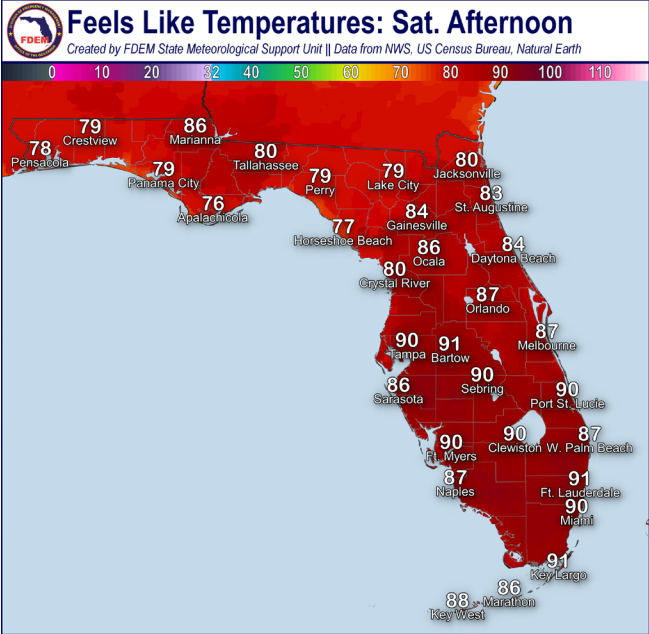


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L	L	L					
Tornado										
Damaging Wind			L	L						
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Wildfire										
Fog (Overnight)	L	L	L	L	M	M	L			
Coastal Flooding										L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.889 ft. (1.14 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	435 (+6) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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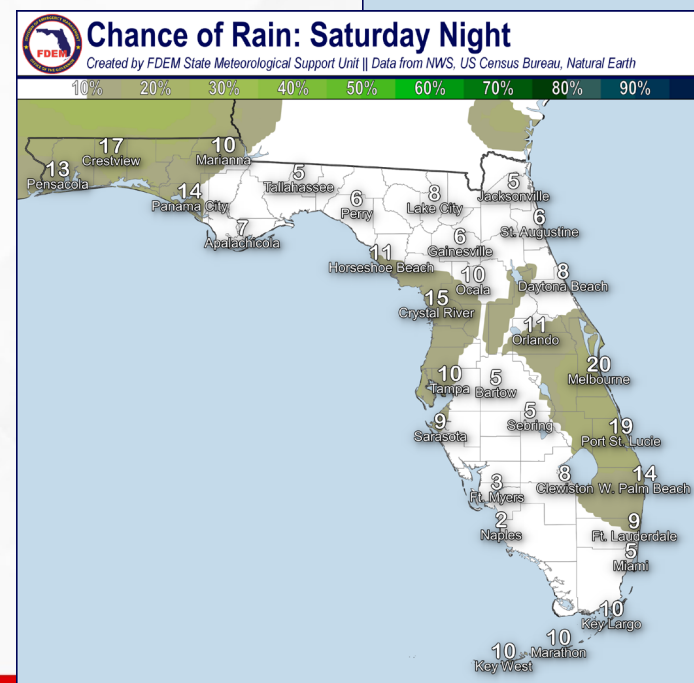
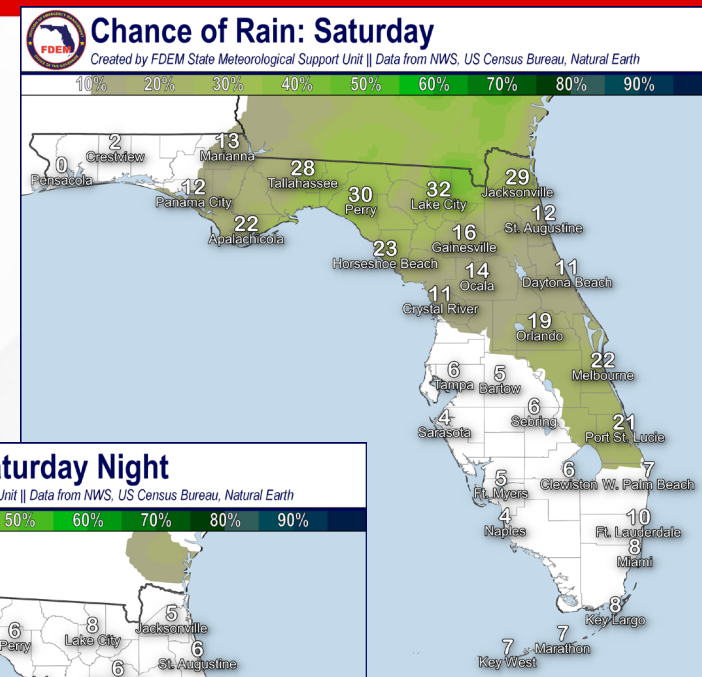
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Patchy dense fog across the Panhandle and Northeast Florida will dissipate through the early morning hours. Showers and embedded thunderstorms are already ongoing across the Big Bend region this morning associated with a weak cold front. This activity will spread eastward throughout the morning and afternoon across Northeast Florida and the I-95 corridor (25-35% chance of rain). A few thunderstorms could be **locally strong** and capable of producing frequent lightning and gusty winds. Drier air will remain in place across much of Central and South Florida, though an isolated shower cannot be ruled out along the Treasure Coast (15-20% chance of rain).

High temperatures will remain seasonable to above normal for this time of year, with highs climbing into the lower to middle 80s across North and Central Florida and middle to upper 80s in South Florida. **Heat index values** will approach the **lower 90s** across South Florida this afternoon.

A mostly dry overnight is expected across the state. A few lingering showers are possible across the Space Coast through the evening and early overnight hours (15-20% chance of rain). Across the far western Panhandle, an additional cold front will approach the state towards daybreak with a few isolated showers possible (15-20% chance of rain).

Lows will dip into the middle 60s to lower 70s statewide. **Patchy dense fog** may develop towards daybreak across the Suwannee Valley and along the I-75 corridor.

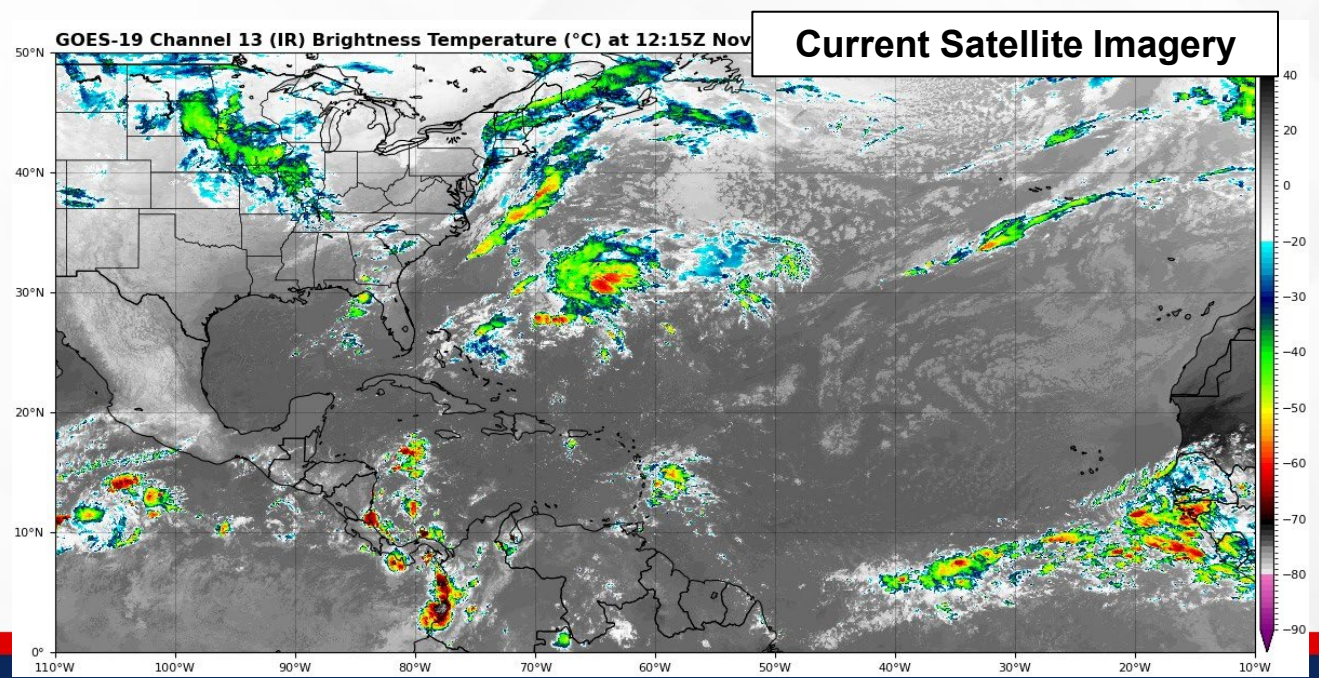
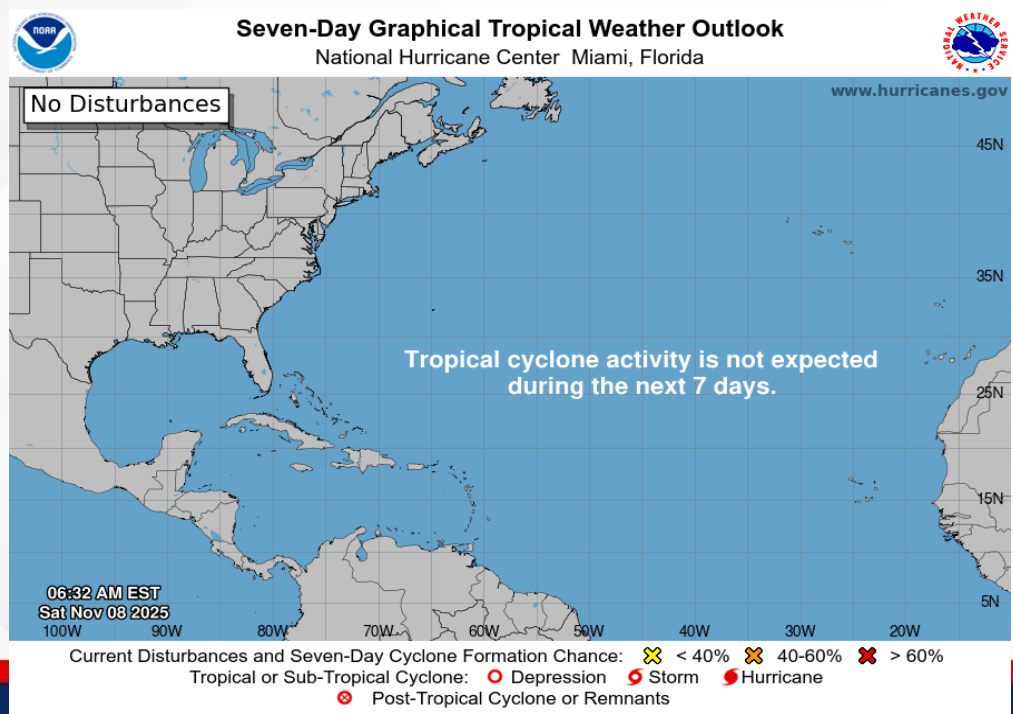




Tropical Weather

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 **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for all East Coast and most Panhandle beaches today. All other beaches can expect a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will remain calm today statewide with wave heights of 1-2' for all beaches. A few waves upwards of 3' are possible for East Coast beaches.

Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Walton and Franklin County, background to very low concentrations in Bay County, and low to high concentrations in Gulf County across Northwest Florida. It was also observed at background concentrations from Volusia County along the Florida East Coast. Red tide was not observed in Southwest Florida (11/7).

Coastal Flooding: **Coastal Flood Statements** remain in effect for the lower and middle Florida Keys for instances of **minor saltwater flooding** near and during times of high tide. Elevated water levels are not anticipated throughout the tidal St. Johns River today, though localized **nuisance coastal flooding** is possible.

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

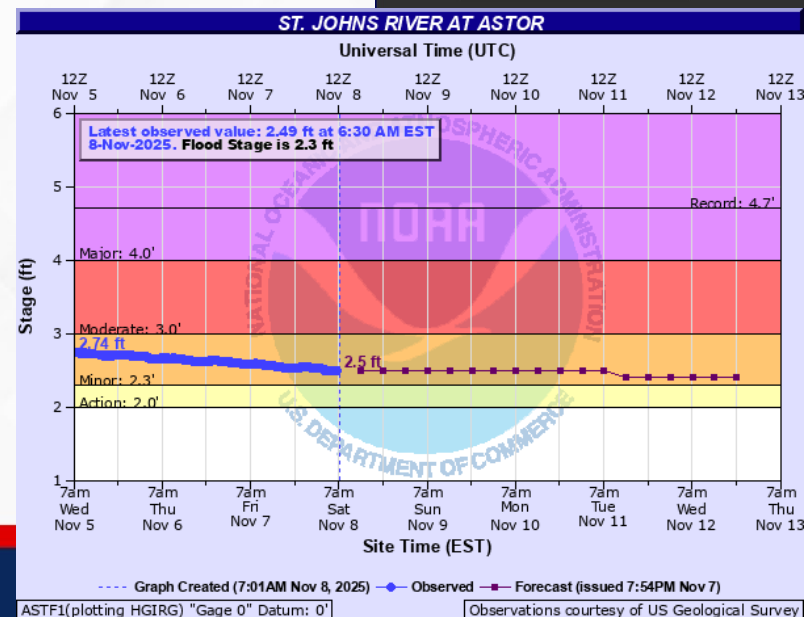
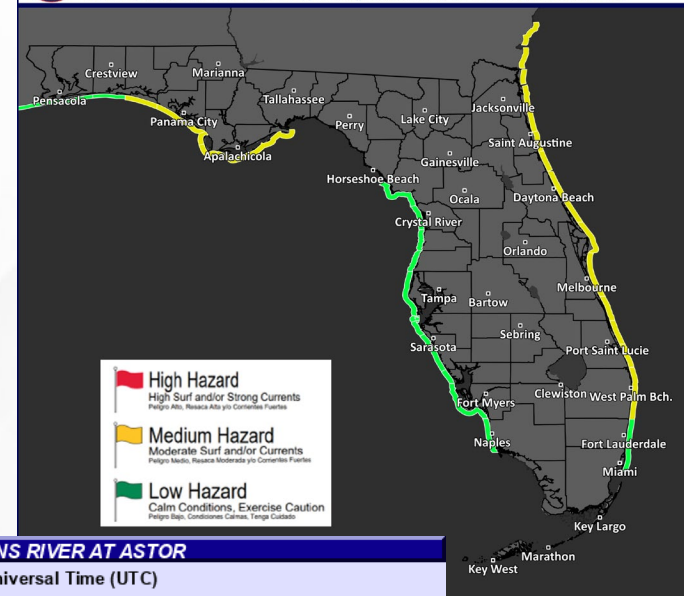
Riverine Flooding: Water levels continue to slowly discharge across the St. Johns River. The [St. Johns River at Astor](#) remains in **minor flood stage** and is expected to approach Action Stage (bank-full) next week. Additional points along the headwaters of the St. Johns River including [Deland](#), [Sanford](#) and [Lake Harney](#) also have elevated water levels near Action Stage (bank-full). A **River Flood Warning** remains in effect for the St. Johns River at Astor. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.89 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.14 feet below normal for this time of year.



Rip Current Risk: Saturday

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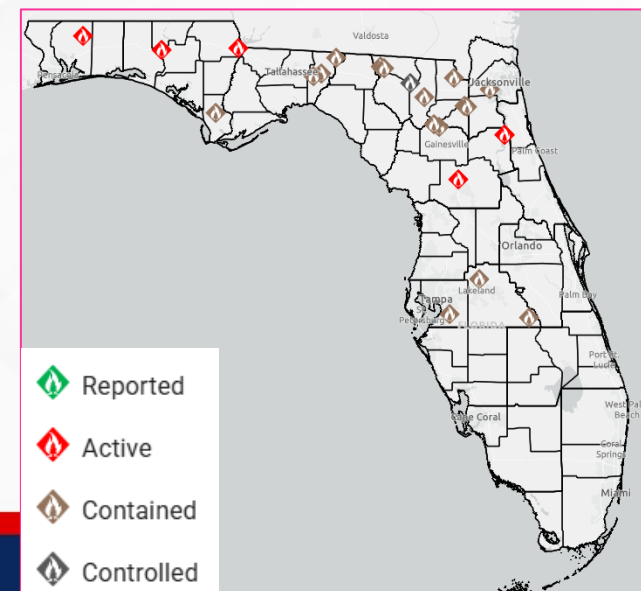
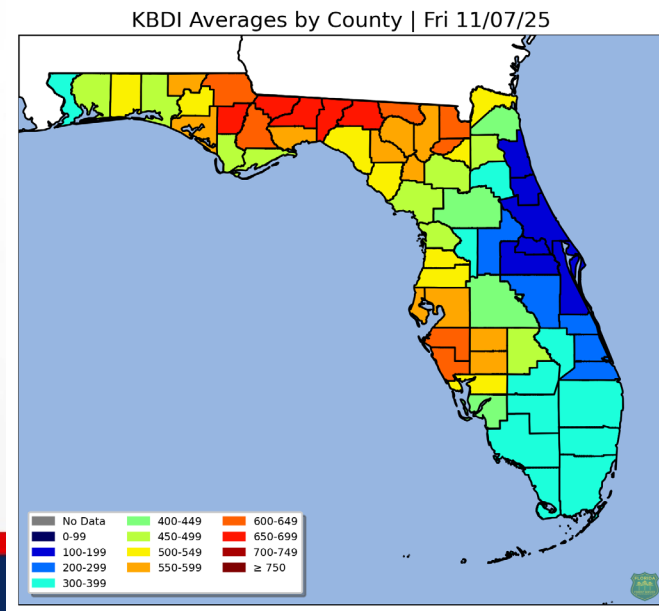
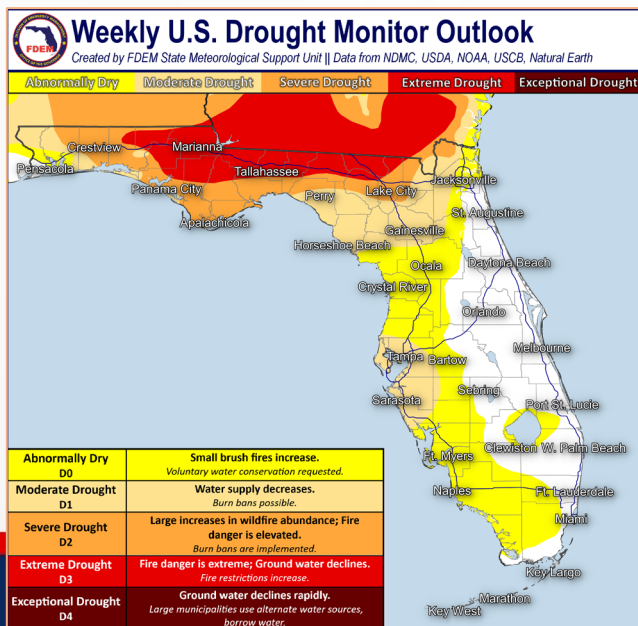


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Moisture will increase ahead of the first of two cold frontal passages this weekend across the Sunshine State. Relative humidities will remain well above critical thresholds and winds will remain light, generally below 10 mph. As a result, the overall wildfire threat will remain low across North Florida where ongoing drought has persisted. However, patchy to scattered fog Saturday morning, and additional development Sunday morning, could reduce visibilities where there are ongoing wildfires across North Florida. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 23 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 215 acres.

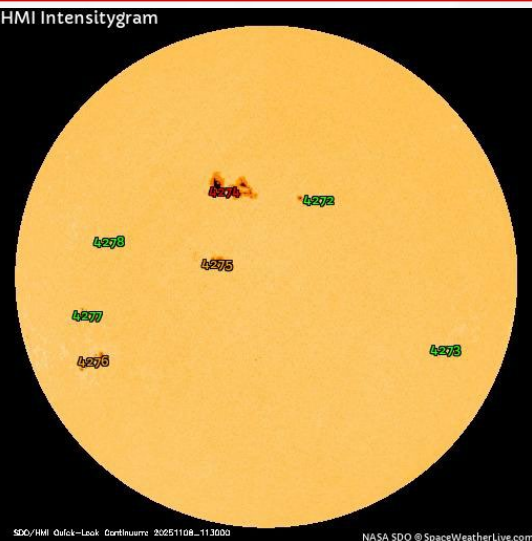
Drought (11/6): Very little beneficial rainfall fell over the past week across the state as high pressure and dry air kept any rain chances low. As such, very little changes were made to this weeks Drought Monitor outlook. Across South Florida, some expansion of the abnormally dry (emerging drought) conditions further into inland Miami-Dade and Broward counties was introduced where warm temperatures and rainfall totals less than 1 inch occurred. Abnormally dry (emerging drought) remains in place along the entire I-75 corridor along the West Coast of Florida, extending inland into some interior counties such as Hardee and DeSoto. **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was introduced to this week's outlook across Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Sarasota counties where 30-day rainfall departures have reached 2-3 inches. Across North Florida, unfortunately the **Severe (level 2 of 4)** to **Extreme (level 3 of 4) Drought** remain in place where, over the past 2 weeks, most locations have seen less than a half-inch of rain. No changes were made to the drought in these areas this week with **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** conditions persisting for interior Northeast Florida and the Suwannee Valley. Although some showers are possible along a frontal passage this weekend and early next week across North Florida, widespread heavy rainfall is not expected to alleviate any of the ongoing drought. For the I-95 corridor and East Coast, soils remain saturated from heavy rainfall in October keeping any drought in check.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **435 (+6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **32** Florida counties (Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Charlotte, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, 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).

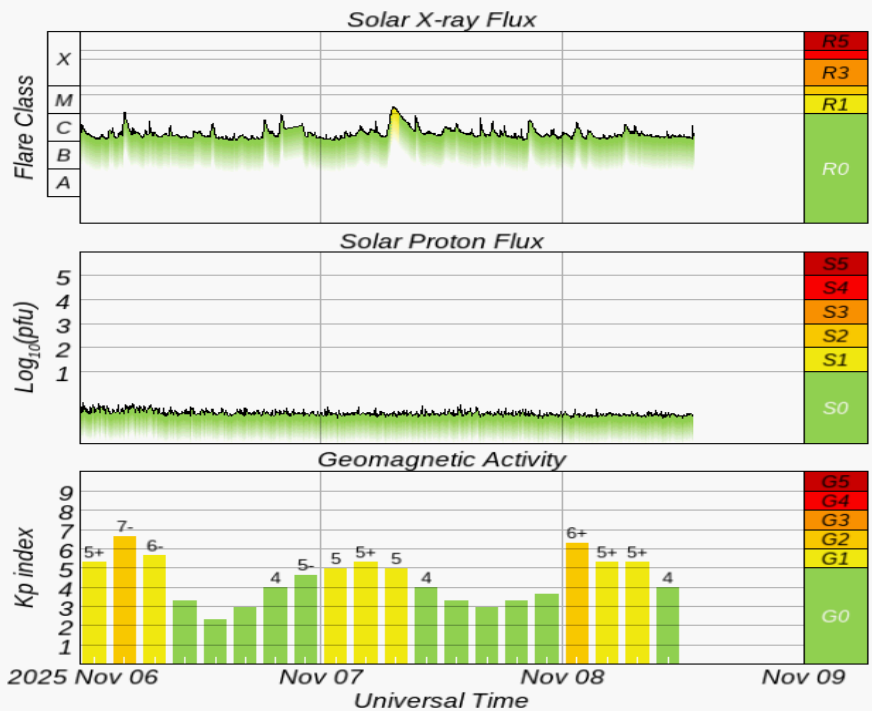
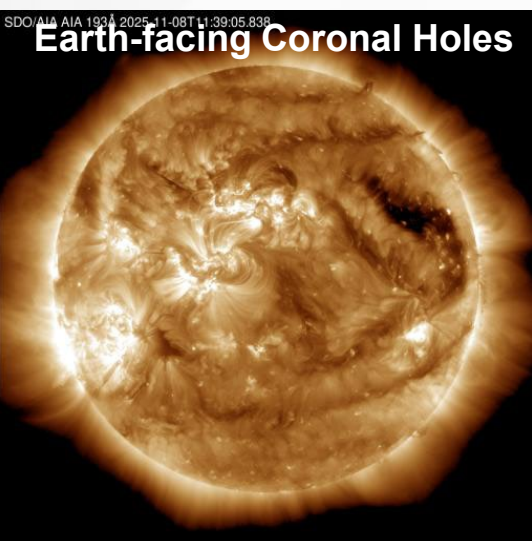




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 80%	Geomagnetic Storm: G2 Storm Watch (11/8)	C7 Solar Flare
X-class: 35%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
11/8	11/9
Max Kp= 6 (G2)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 40% severe activity = 20%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity will remain at moderate to high levels as the Earth-facing sunspots remain active. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts are likely with any M-class flares, with a chance for a strong (R3) radio blackout as well with any X-class solar flares. Solar wind conditions will remain enhanced through the weekend from lingering effects of Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds and multiple Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) this past week. The geomagnetic field is also expected to remain enhanced for similar reasons with G2 (Moderate) storming likely with the arrival of an additional CME on Saturday or Sunday (11/8-11/9). Another CME is likely to produce G1 (Minor) conditions on Monday. The overall space weather threat to Florida is low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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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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