



# **Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office**

## **Morning Situation Report**

Wednesday, November 26, 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 (State/Thanksgiving Holiday)
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status (State/Thanksgiving Holiday)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status (State/Thanksgiving Holiday)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status (State/Thanksgiving Holiday)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	In Region	On-Call Status (State/Thanksgiving Holiday)
Region 8: Amber Durden	In Region	On-Call Status (State/Thanksgiving Holiday)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status (State/Thanksgiving Holiday)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2  
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5  
Region 10 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	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	On-Call Coverage for R2
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Off & Monitoring
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	On-Call Coverage for R10
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

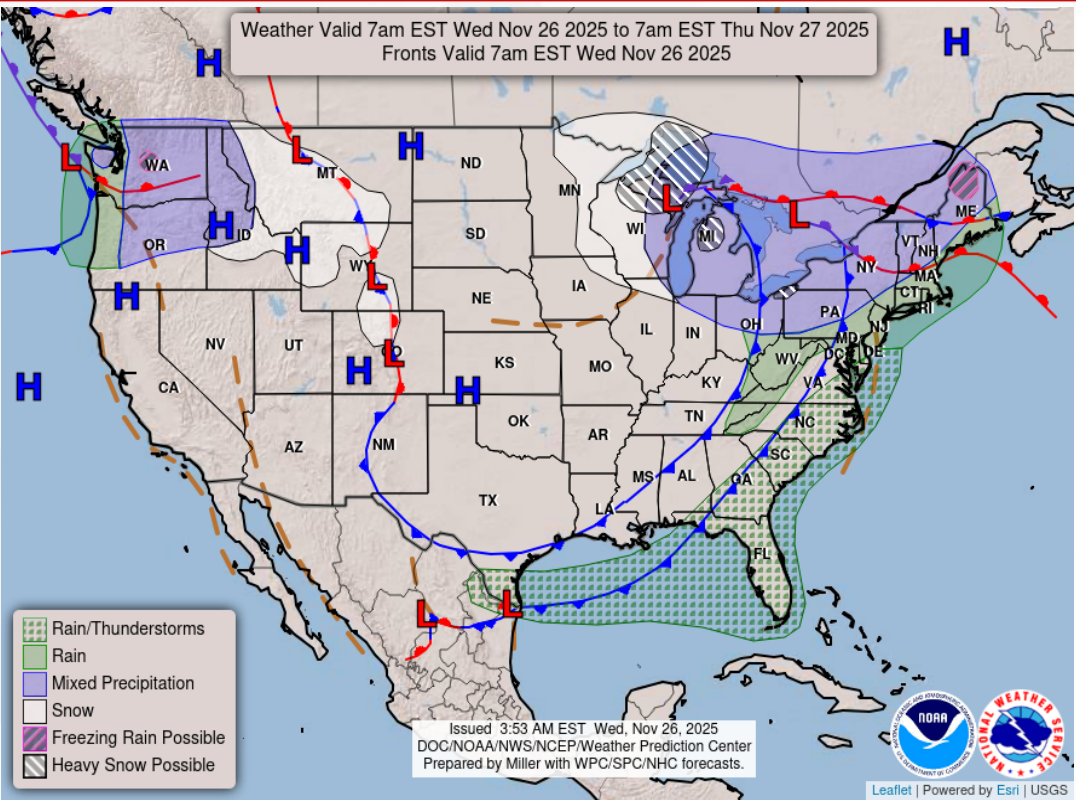
Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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



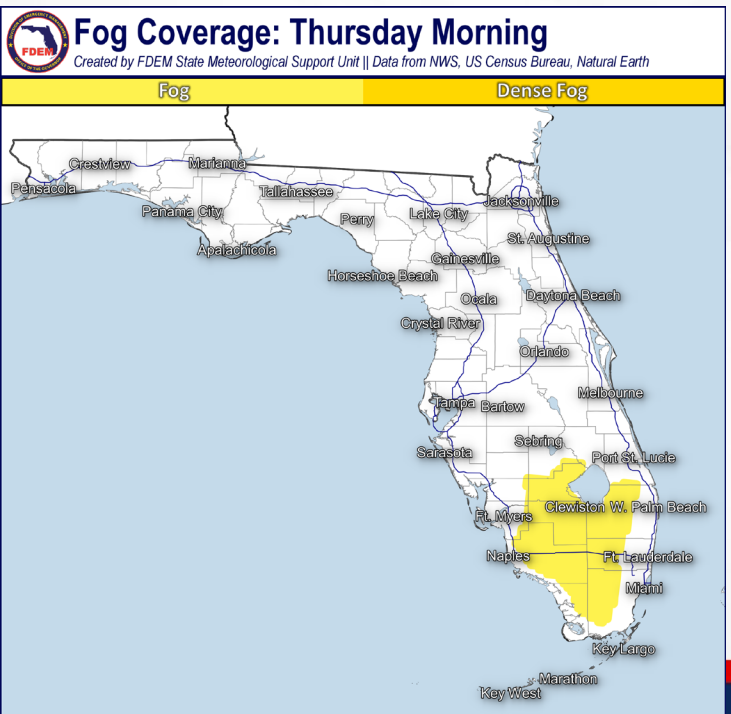
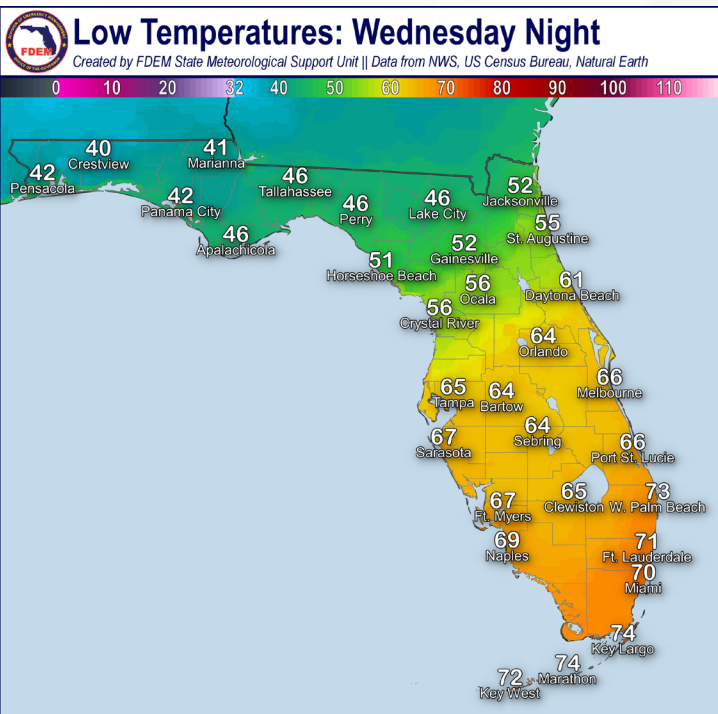


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning		L	L	L				L	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)					L	L	M	M	M	M
Wildfire	M	M	M	M		L		L		
Rip Currents	M	H	L	M	M	L		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.72 ft. (1.16 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	520 (+5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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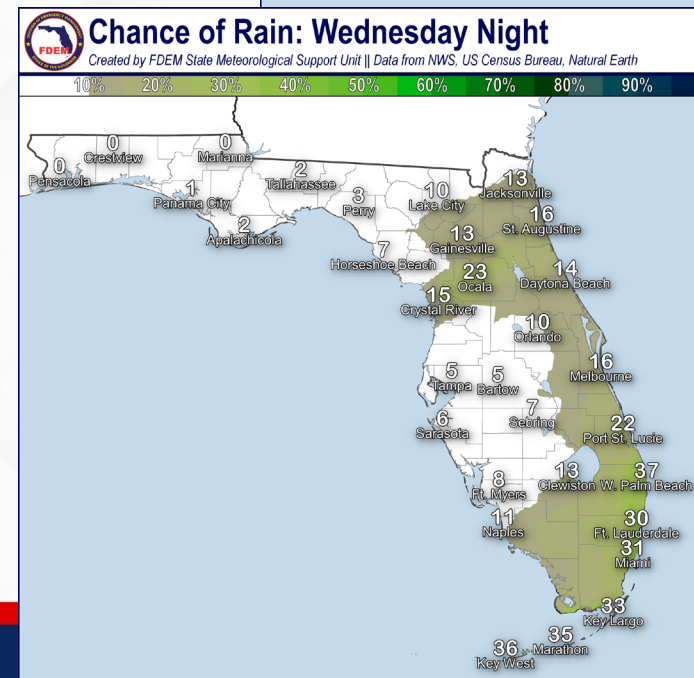
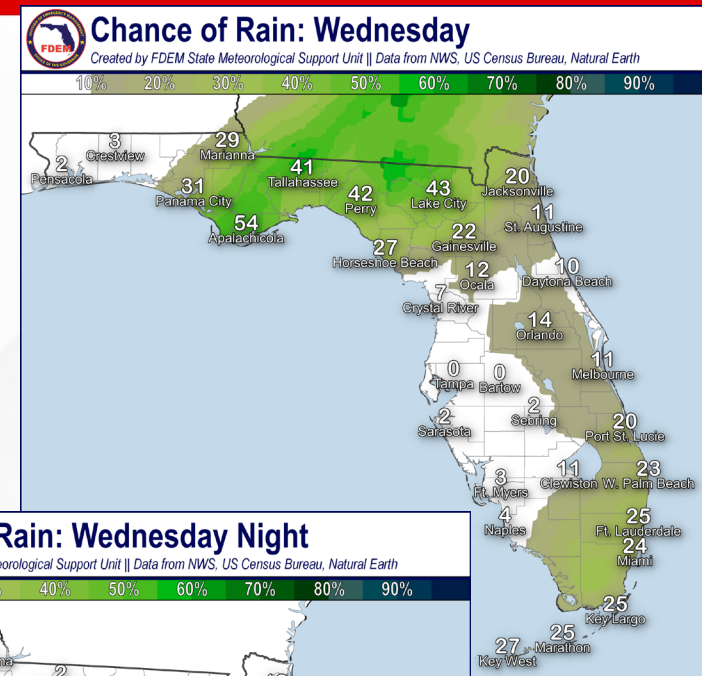
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

**Locally dense fog conditions** across the coastal Big Bend and the Peninsula will slowly lift and dissipate throughout the morning. Last night's cold front will continue to push through the Big Bend and eventually Central Florida today bringing isolated to widely scattered showers and embedded thunderstorms (25-45% chance of rain). Enough moisture and a localized sea breeze will allow for isolated to widely scattered showers and embedded thunderstorms to develop along the I-95 corridor and South Florida later this afternoon and evening (15-30% chance of rain). *Embedded thunderstorms that develop may produce lightning and gusty winds at times.* Otherwise mostly dry conditions will continue for the rest of the state.

High temperatures will reach the 70s and lower 80s across North Florida, with the coolest temperatures along the western Panhandle as cooler air behind the front moves in. The rest of the state will continue to see high temperatures in the lower to middle 80s this afternoon.

As the front pushes through Central Florida late this evening and overnight, any remaining shower and thunderstorm activity associated with the front will dissipate and dry up. There may be a few isolated or spotty showers that continue overnight throughout Central and South Florida where there is just enough moisture to provide support for activity (15-25% chance of rain). Areas of **patchy to locally dense fog** will be possible across South Florida early Thursday morning as the front continues to approach. Drier air will filter into the Panhandle behind the passing front throughout the overnight hours. Breezier winds will return overnight across the Panhandle and western Big Bend with wind gusts reaching **upwards of 15-20 mph**.

Low temperatures will fall into the 40s and lower 50s across North Florida, middle to upper 60s across Central Florida and upper 60s to lower 70s across South Florida. Breezier winds across the Panhandle at sunrise on Thursday will make **wind chills (feels-like temperatures)** drop into the **lower to middle 30s** for the Panhandle.



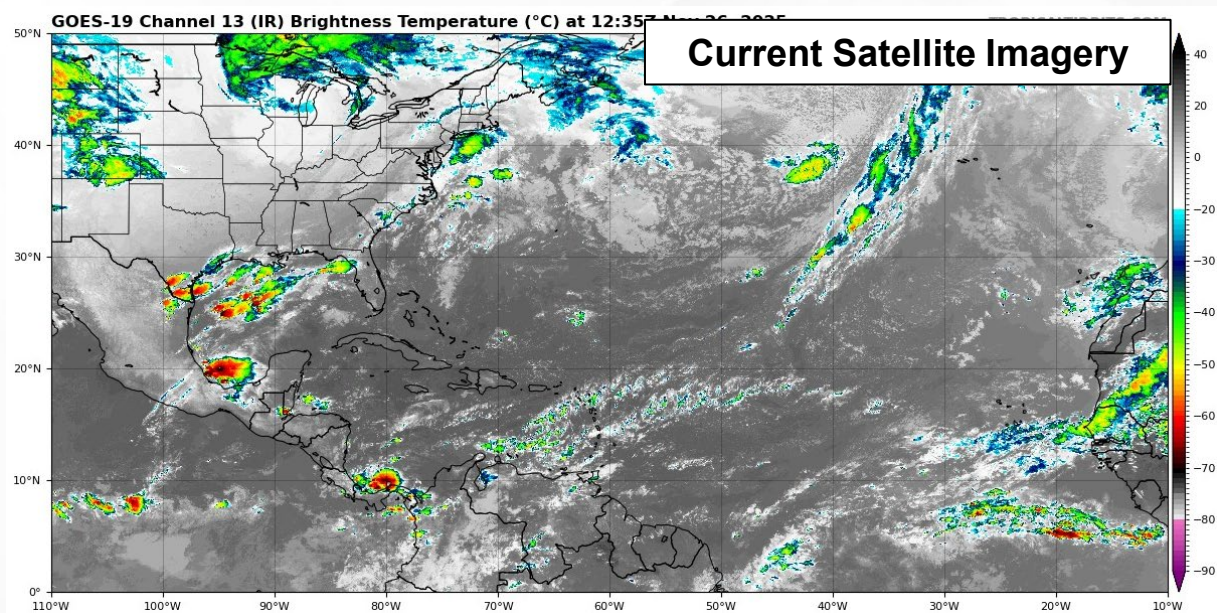
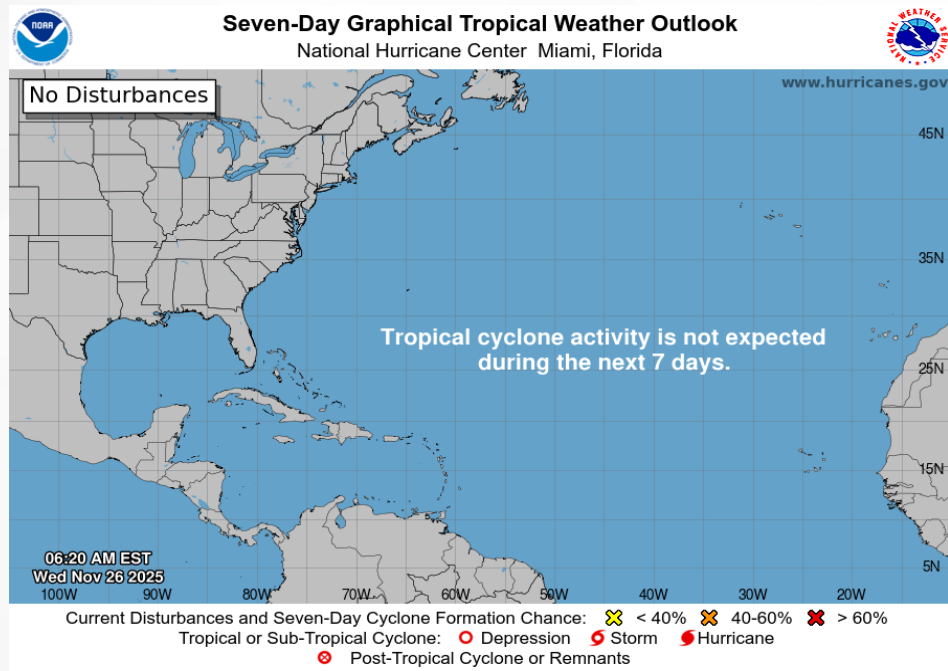




# Tropical Weather

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at [www.hurricanes.gov](http://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** will persist along the Panhandle and East Coast today, with a **high risk** along the eastern Panhandle. West Coast beaches will continue to see a low risk. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** Wave heights across the state will remain calm near 1-2' with Panhandle and Northeast Florida beaches seeing wave heights reaching 3'.

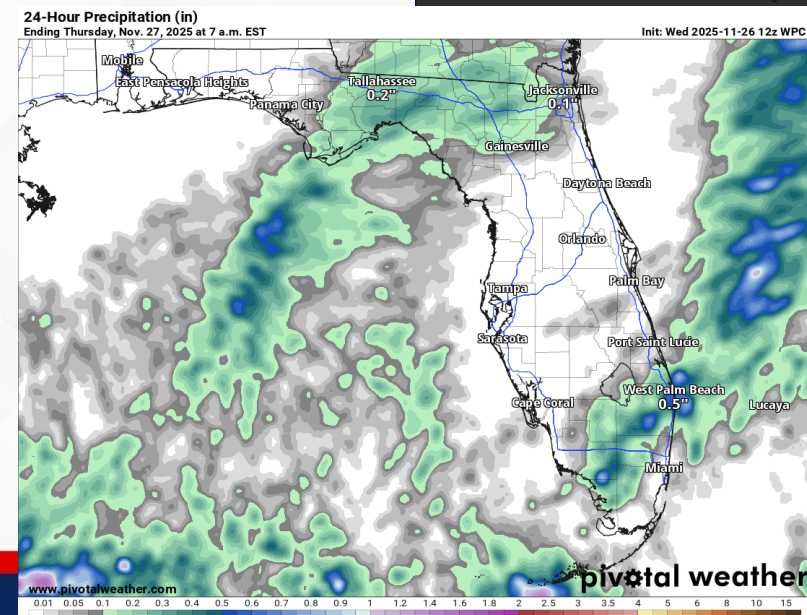
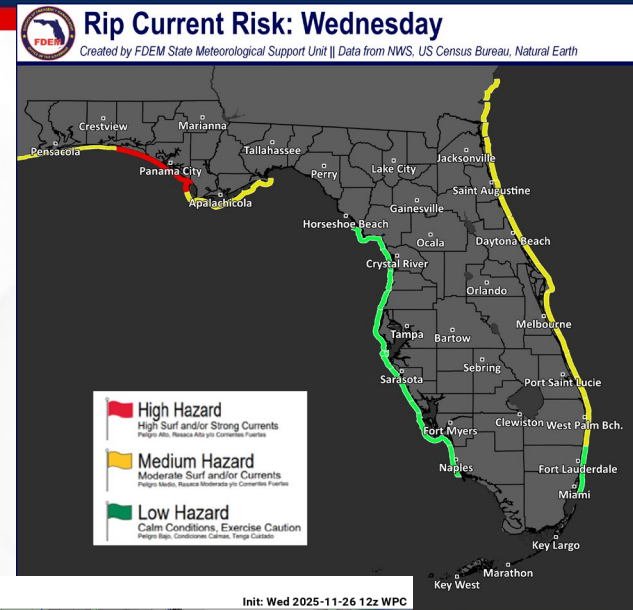
**Red Tide** was observed at background to **medium concentrations** along Bay and Gulf counties along the coastlines. **Low concentrations** were observed offshore from Franklin county. Background conditions will be observed along coastal Pinellas and Lee County.

**Coastal Flooding:** There is no risk for coastal flooding across Florida.

**Flash Flooding:** Flash flooding is not expected across Florida. Showers and thunderstorms ahead of and along a cold front may bring locally heavy downpours for portions of the Big Bend and interior South Florida. Rainfall totals are forecast to remain near 1"; however, locally higher totals upwards of 1-2" across interior South Florida.

**Riverine Flooding:** Water levels at the headwaters of the St. Johns above [Lake Harney](#) remain at Action Stage (*bank-full*) this morning, though continue to slowly discharge. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 13.72 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.16 feet below normal for this time of year.



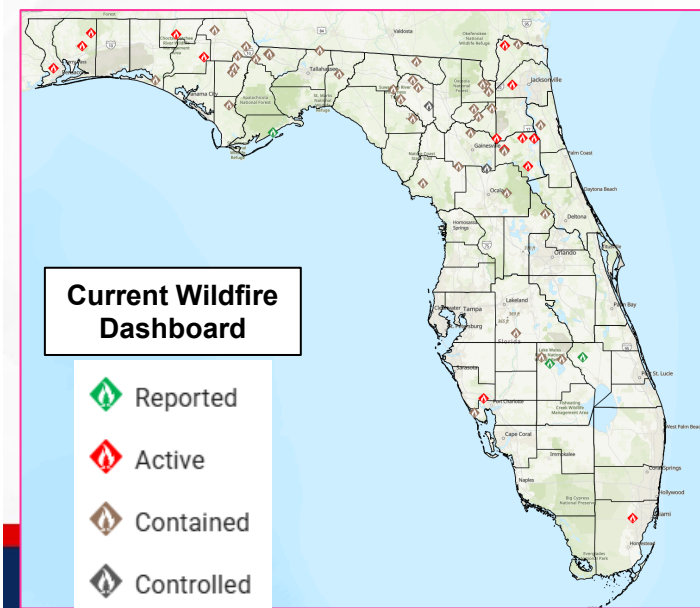
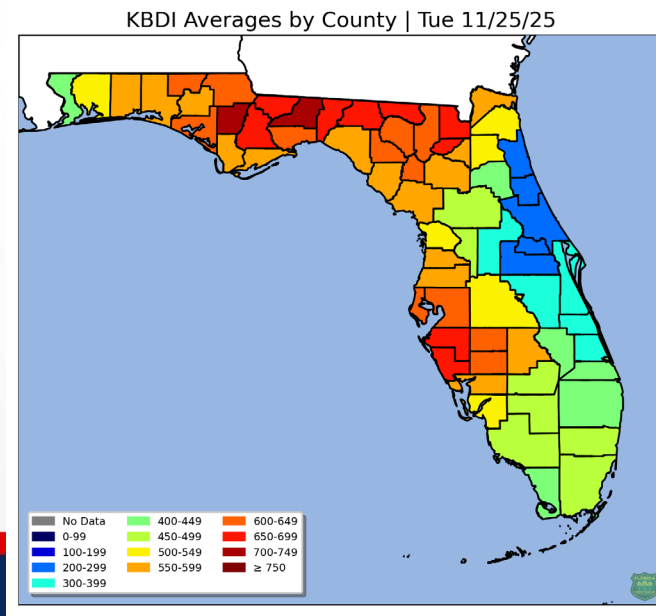
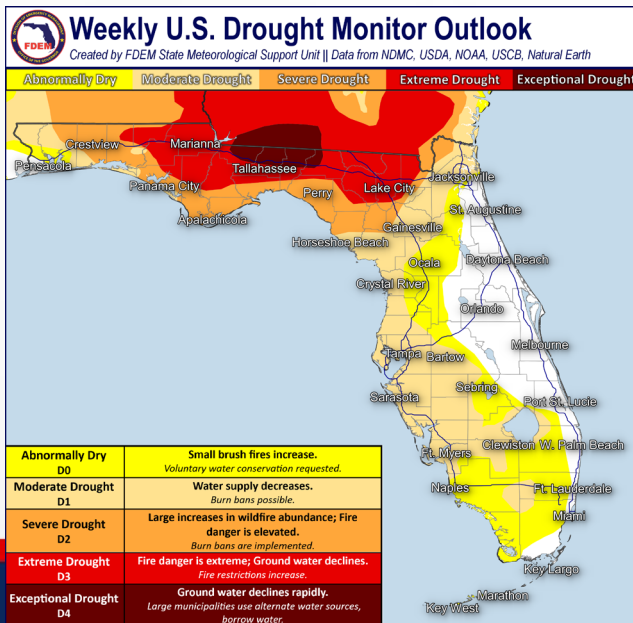


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Foggy conditions and low clouds will slowly lift and dissipate this morning throughout the state. A cold front will move through North and Central Florida today keeping rain chances contains to the Big Bend and Northeast Florida today with isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms. Thunderstorms will be capable of producing erratic winds and lightning. Across South Florida enough moisture ahead of the front will help to produce isolated to scattered showers and embedded thunderstorms later this afternoon. Behind the cold front, much drier air and breezier winds will begin to push southward into the Panhandle. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 57 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 456 acres.

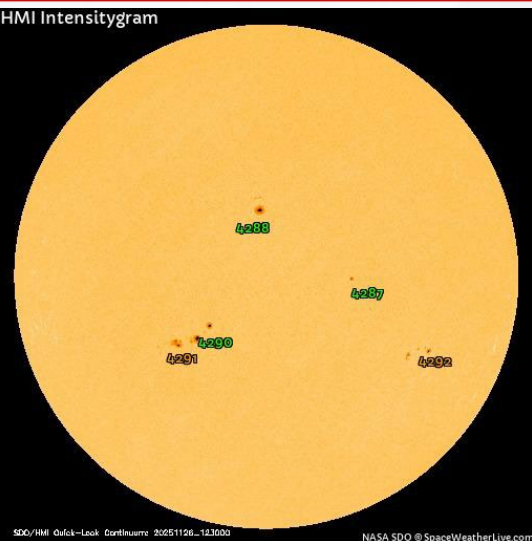
**Drought (11/20):** The past week was almost entirely dry across the entire Sunshine State as temperatures warmed to above seasonable levels. As such, no improvements were made to this week's Drought Monitor and further degradation was seen. Across South Florida, **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was introduced across interior Collier, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties with expansion of Abnormally Dry (*emerging drought*) towards the Southeast coastline. **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was also introduced across Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades county, as well as around Lake Okeechobee where rainfall departures from the past month have neared 2-3 inches. **Moderate Drought** remains in place across much of West-Central Florida with further expansion into Polk county and northward along the entire Nature Coast. Rainfall departures from the past 60 days have grown to 4-6 inches across West-Central Florida. Across North Florida, **Severe (level 2 of 4)** to **Extreme (level 3 of 4)** have remained in place, with expansion southeastward of the **Extreme Drought** into much of Suwannee, Columbia, and western Baker County. **Severe Drought** was also added to much of the Forgotten Coast along Taylor and Dixie counties. An **Exceptional Drought (level 4 of 4)** was introduced to northern Gadsden, Leon, and Jefferson counties where streamflows have reached very low levels, vegetation has become very dry, and agricultural impacts have worsened. This is the first **Exceptional Drought** seen in the state of Florida since February 2012. Long-term rainfall departures continue to decline across the Panhandle, and significant rainfall is not expected over the next week as temperatures remain above seasonable levels. As such, worsening drought conditions are expected over the next week across much of the state.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **520 (+5)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **44** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger). Calhoun and Leon counties both have KBDI values over 700.

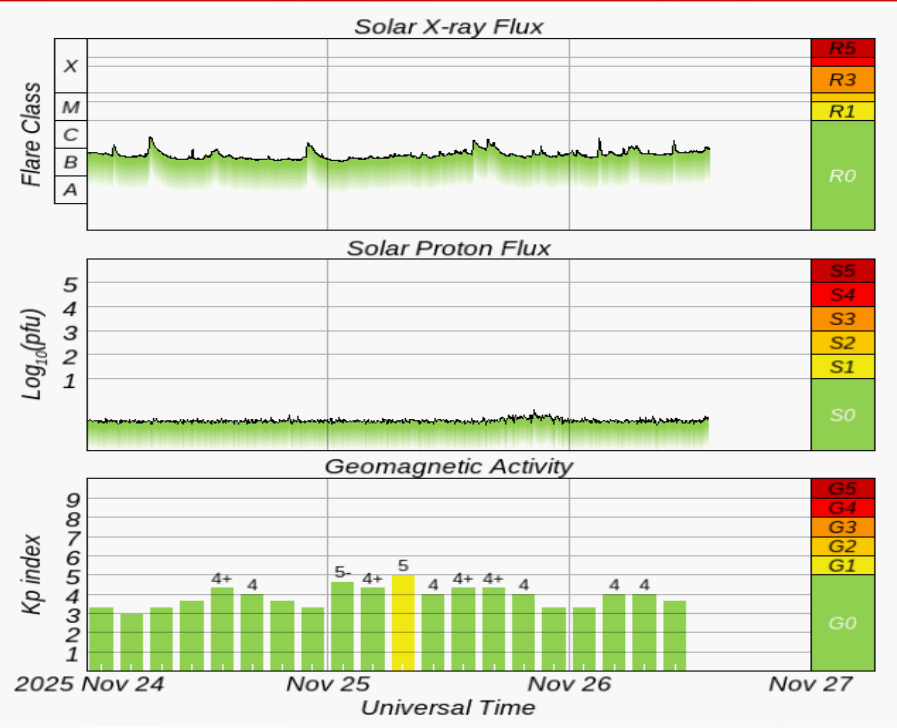
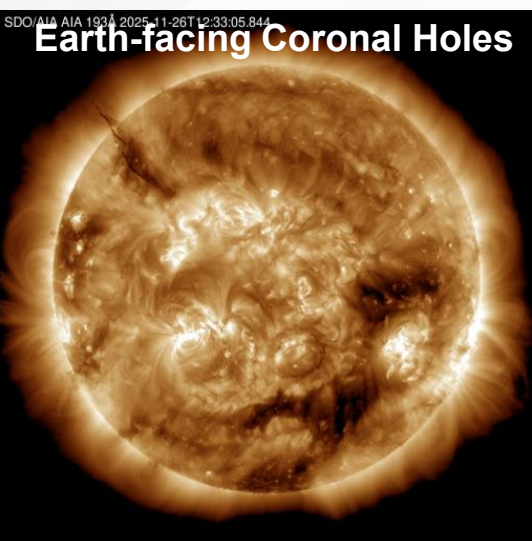




# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 15%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C2 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
11/26	11/27
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 35% severe activity = 10%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

**Space Weather:** Low levels of solar activity can be expected to continue through the end of the week as sunspot #4291 maintains a magnetic field capable of producing strong (M-class) solar flares. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany any M-class solar flares that develop. Solar wind conditions will remain slightly enhanced due to ongoing Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds. These winds will then likely begin to wane on Friday. The ongoing CH HSS conditions will also promote isolated periods of minor (G1) geomagnetic storming through Thursday before returning to unsettled conditions on Friday. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.





# SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
Phone:	800-320-0519, 850-815-4001, 850-591-0071 (Backup Cell)	Operational	
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Fax:	850-815-4979	Operational	
Email:	<a href="mailto:SWP@em.myflorida.com">SWP@em.myflorida.com</a>	Operational	
SWO Tracker:	<a href="https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/">https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/</a>	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	
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