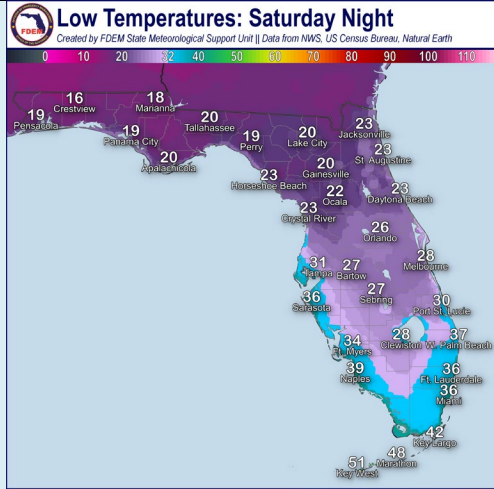
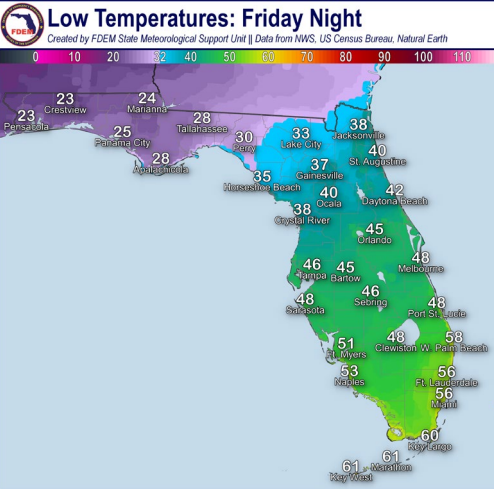
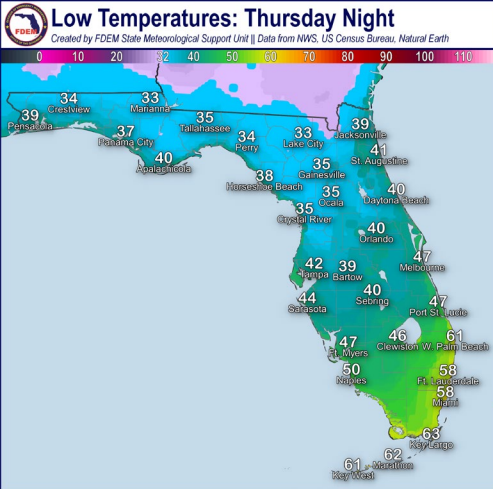


| Tuesday, January 27, 2026 |           |         |                    |                 | 5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook  |  |           |  |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|-----------------|--|--|-----------|--|
| No Threat                 |           |         | Low Threat         |                 | Moderate Threat  | High Threat  |           |  |
| Day                       | Lightning | Tornado | Damaging Wind/Hail | Fog (Overnight) | Freeze (Overnight)   | Wind Chill (Overnight)   | Wildfire  | Rip Currents   |
| Tue                       |           |         |                    |                 | North FL<br>Interior Central FL<br>South-Central FL  | North & Central FL<br>Interior Southwest FL  | Statewide | Peninsula<br>North Florida<br>Nature Coast           |
| Wed                       |           |         |                    |                 | Panhandle & Big Bend<br>Northeast & Interior<br>Central FL<br>Central & Northern<br>South FL | North & Central FL<br>Coastal Central &<br>Lake Okeechobee                           | Statewide | South FL<br>N & East-Central FL<br>Elsewhere         |
| Thu                       |           |         |                    |                 | Iso. Northern<br>Suwannee Valley<br>North FL & Nature<br>Coast                               | I-10 Corridor &<br>Northern<br>Panhandle   | Statewide | Southeast FL<br>Panhandle & East Coast<br>West Coast |
| Fri                       |           |         |                    |                 | Panhandle & Big Bend<br>Northeast FL<br>Suwannee Valley &<br>Nature Coast                    | Panhandle &<br>Western Big Bend<br>Northeast FL<br>Suwannee Valley &<br>Nature Coast | Statewide | Locally<br>Statewide                                 |
| Sat                       |           |         |                    |                 | North & Central FL<br>Coastal Central FL &<br>South FL<br>Iso. Northern Keys                 | North FL<br>Statewide<br>Northern Keys   | Statewide | Statewide  |



Forecast Low Temperatures: Thursday, Friday & Saturday

## 5 P's OF COLD WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

### PROTECT PLANTS

Cover cold-sensitive plants to protect them from dangerous temperatures.

### PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY

Use safe heating sources indoors. Do not use fuel-burning devices such as grills; they release deadly carbon monoxide.

### PROTECT PEOPLE

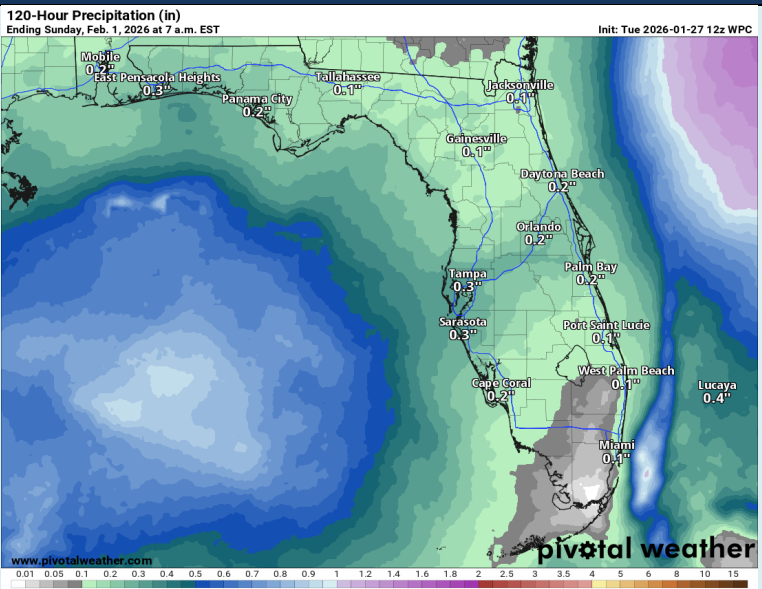
Dress in warm layers and wear a hat and gloves.

### PROTECT PETS

Bring outdoor pets inside or provide a warm shelter for them.

### PROTECT PIPES

Cover pipes and allow outdoor faucets to slowly drip to prevent them from freezing and breaking.



Cold Weather Preparedness 5 Day Forecast Rainfall Totals – Through Saturday Evening

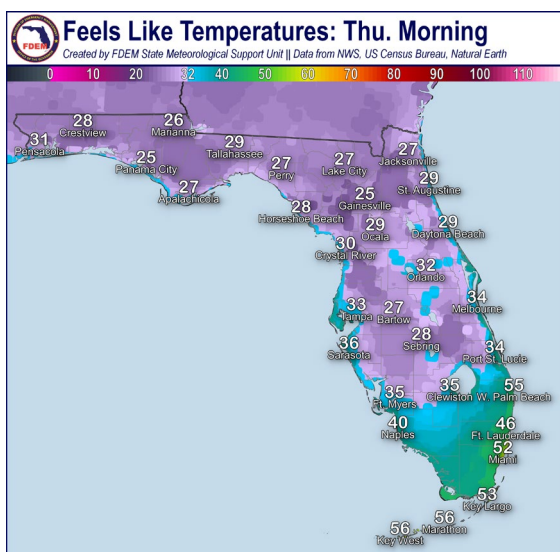
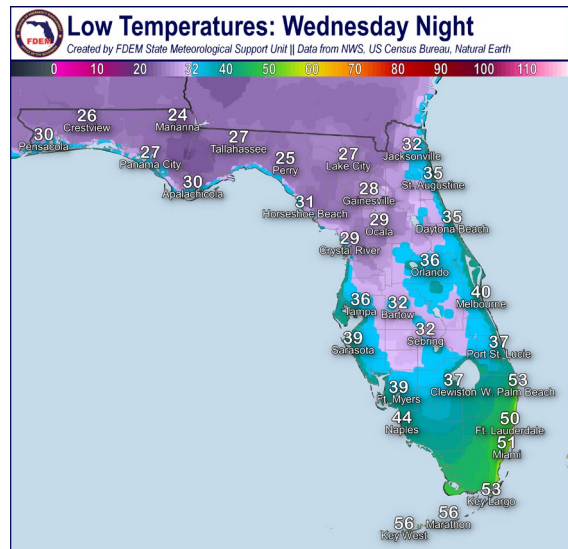


**...Arctic Cold Air Sinking Into the State Leading to Below Normal Temperatures This Week...Several Nights of Widespread Freezing Conditions Through Midweek...Elevated Wind Chills Southward Into Lake Okeechobee...Slightly Warmer Conditions Thursday and Friday...Next Frontal System Moves Through Friday and Saturday...An Even Colder Arctic Blast of Cold Air Coming Saturday Night and Into Sunday...Widespread Freezing Conditions Even Into South Florida...Extremely Dangerous Wind Chills Overnight Saturday and Into Sunday Morning...**

## Tuesday – Thursday:

It is a very cold start to the forecast period across the Sunshine State in the wake of an arctic cold front that moved through Sunday and Monday. Northerly to northwesterly winds continue to usher in the colder and drier air leading to below normal temperatures across the state. Tuesday morning **wind chills** were in the **teens** and **lower 20s** across North Florida and the **20s** and **30s** across Central Florida and most of Southwest Florida. This colder air will linger throughout the state very slowly becoming warmer each day. Mostly sunny skies can be expected during the daytime, which will help distract from the cold air. Because the drastic temperature change elevated wind **gusts of 15-20 mph** will persist throughout Central and South Florida through midweek before calmer conditions return from the north. A chance for isolated showers may return along the Southeast Florida coastline Wednesday, but drier air may continue to limit the shower potential (20-25% chance of rain). The drier air will help to keep those rain chances pinned near the coast and the coastal waters.

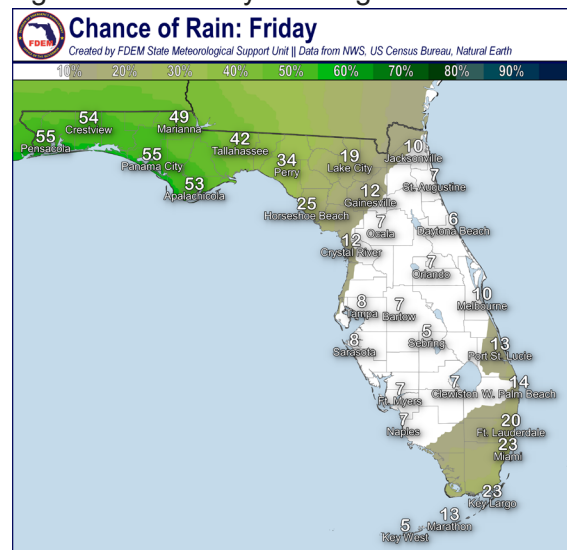
Plenty of sunshine can be expected throughout the daytime, but temperatures are still expected to remain below seasonal normals throughout the state. High temperatures will struggle to reach the 40s across North Florida Tuesday afternoon. Central Florida will remain in the 50s and South Florida will be in the 60s. With temperatures struggling Tuesday and lingering winds, **feels-like temperatures** will be in the **upper 30s** to middle 40s across North Florida this afternoon and the upper 40s to middle 50s through the I-4 corridor. Another **cold night** can be expected, but calmer winds will return across North Florida preventing wind chills from being extremely cold like last night. Low temperatures will fall into the **20s** throughout North Florida, **lower to middle 30s** across Central Florida and **upper 30s** to lower 50s across South Florida. **Freeze Warnings** will go into effect again Tuesday night across Northeast Florida and portions of Central Florida for **sub-freezing to near freezing** temperatures expected again. **Feels-like temperatures** will fall into the **20s** and **lower 30s** across North and Central Florida towards Okeechobee by sunrise Wednesday morning. Even portions of interior Southwest Florida will see **feels-like temperatures** in the **30s**. **Cold**



**Weather Advisories** will go into effect tonight across the Peninsula, including interior Southwest Florida, for elevated wind chills in the **20s** and **30s**.

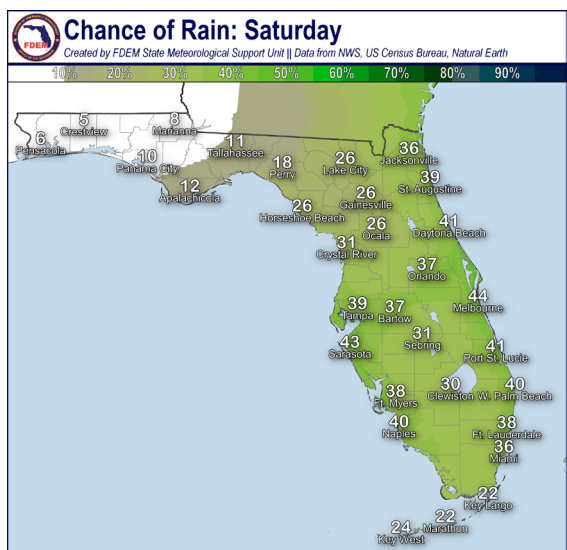
Temperatures will very slowly trend warmer on Wednesday but will still keep conditions below normal across much of the state for this time of year. High temperatures look to return to the 50s across North Florida, lower to middle 60s across Central Florida and middle to upper 60s across South Florida Wednesday afternoon. Despite the sunshine, feels-like temperatures will still hold onto the middle to upper 40s across several places in North Florida Wednesday afternoon. Widespread **sub-freezing to freezing temperatures** will continue Wednesday night from North Florida and through interior Central Florida. Low temperatures in the **middle to upper 20s** can be expected across the Panhandle and Big Bend, **upper 20s to lower 30s** throughout Northeast and North-Central Florida and **lower to middle 30s** across Central Florida Wednesday night. A **Freeze Watch** has already been issued across interior portions of Central Florida ahead of conditions Wednesday night. **Feels-like temperatures** will remain well into the **middle to upper 20s** throughout North and interior Central Florida and southward towards Lake Okeechobee by sunrise Thursday morning. Coastal portions of Central Florida and even into portions of Southwest Florida will see **feels-like temperatures** in the **middle to upper 30s**. **Cold Weather Advisories** will likely be needed across interior portions of the central Peninsula for Wednesday night into Thursday morning.

The slow and gradual warming trend continues on Thursday as temperatures return to the 50s and 60s statewide, with portions of the Southeast Florida coast possibly reaching 70-degrees Thursday afternoon. **Freezing conditions** will become isolated and contained to the I-10 corridor and northward near the state line Thursday night and into Friday morning giving some relief. Low temperatures in the **lower to middle 30s** can be expected across inland North Florida while coastal areas will reach the **middle to upper 30s**, even extending through the Suwannee Valley and Nature Coast. Central Florida will see low temperatures in the **upper 30s** to middle 40s. South Florida can anticipate low temperatures in the middle 40s to upper 50s. A few spots in the Panhandle and northern Suwannee Valley may see **freezing feels-like temperatures (30-32-degrees)** early Friday morning.



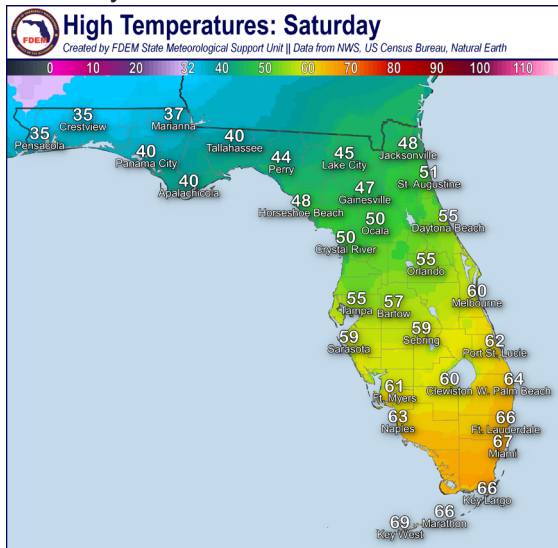
### Friday – Saturday:

Our next frontal system will develop along the Gulf waters on Friday and Friday night before crossing the Peninsula and re-emerging off the eastern coastline. Just enough moisture ahead of this system will bring a chance for isolated to scattered showers across northern Florida, with the better chance across the Peninsula ahead of and along the systems cold front (35-55% chance of rain). Once the system emerges off the eastern coastline Saturday, it will continue to strengthen as it moves away from the state and along the U.S. East Coast. Behind this system is an even colder punch of very arctic air that will make its way through the state Saturday and Saturday night.



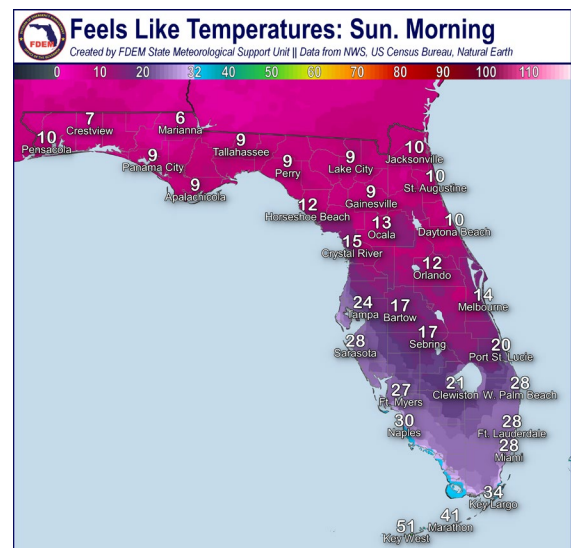


While the chance for rain showers is isolated there is a low chance that a few snow flurries may be mixed into shower activity along the northern part of Northeast Florida Saturday and Saturday night (less than 20%). There is *high uncertainty* at this time, as there are several factors that would need to occur for any potential winter weather, such as the track of the low pressure system, the arrival of the cold air and the timing of all of this combined. Should any occur, it will be a brief chance and accumulations will be limited. Snow-related impacts are not expected at this time. Behind this system, very cold air and dry air will follow behind. Strong winds will accompany the very cold air reaching upwards of 20-30 mph which will make temperatures feel even colder than they are, especially overnight Saturday.



High temperatures will return to the middle 50s to lower 60s across North Florida, middle to upper 60s across Central Florida and upper 60s to lower 70s across South Florida on Friday. Colder air racing into the Panhandle behind the cold front will create low temperatures in the **lower to middle 20s**. The Big Bend and Northeast Florida will see low temperatures in the upper 20s to middle 30s Friday night. Central Florida will continue to see low temperatures in the 40s and South Florida will see low temperatures in the 50s. With breezy winds and clearing skies, **feels-like temperatures** will fall into the **teens** across the Panhandle and western Big Bend and **20s** across the Suwannee Valley and Northeast Florida Saturday morning. **Extreme Cold Watches/Warnings** will likely be issued later this week across the Panhandle ahead of **very dangerous wind chills**. Temperatures will struggle on Saturday barely

breaking 40-degrees across the Panhandle and western Big Bend and the lower to middle 40s across Northeast Florida. Central Florida will see temperatures in the middle 50s to lower 60s and South Florida will see temperatures in the 60s. The **very cold arctic blast** arrives Saturday night and into Sunday morning bringing some of the **coldest temperatures and wind chills in several years**. There is potential for **numerous daily low temperatures to be broken** Saturday night. **Hard Freeze conditions** will extend through the I-4 corridor and towards Lake Okeechobee. Low temperatures will fall into the **teens and lower 20s** across North Florida, **middle 20s to lower 30s** across Central Florida and **upper 20s to upper 30s** across South Florida. **Freeze Warnings** will likely be issued statewide ahead of **widespread freezing conditions** into South Florida. Breezy winds and the very cold temperatures will create **feels-like temperatures** in the **single digits and lower 10s** across North Florida and into the Suwannee Valley, with Central Florida seeing values in the **middle 10s to middle 20s**. **Extreme Cold Watches/Warnings** can be expected across North Florida and most likely through Central Florida on Saturday night and Sunday morning. **Feels-like temperatures** in the **20s to lower 30s** can be expected even into South Florida, showing just how powerful this next cold blast is. **Cold Weather Advisories** can be anticipated as far south as South Florida. Even the upper Keys will see feels-like temperatures in the **middle 30s**.



## Hydrology & Flooding:

There is no risk for flash flooding over the next five (5) days. Just enough moisture will return ahead of the next frontal system approaching the state late Friday evening and into Saturday to bring isolated to widely scattered showers. Rainfall totals are expected below 0.5" across the state through this weekend, but if a heavier shower or two occurs then it may be able to produce upwards of an inch of rainfall. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) [website](#).

There are no riverine concerns at this time. Rivers and streams across North Florida remain near or below normal with the ongoing long-term drought. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.97 feet, which is within the operational band and 1.72 feet below normal for this time of year.

## Drought & Fire Weather:

**Severe drought (level 2 of 4)** continues to expand across portions of the state, like it did on this week's update. The severe drought has now expanded to cover the rest of the Big Bend, but also crossed over Lake Okeechobee towards the Treasure Coast. The area of abnormally dry (emerging drought) continues to gradually shrink over East-Central Florida as **moderate (level 1 of 4)** continues to take over. Portions of the state saw a little bit of rainfall, but totals were less than an inch which did not help to benefit conditions. Streamflows across North and West-Central Florida are very low, especially within the larger basins of the Santa Fe and Suwannee.

Due to the low streamflow over the Suwannee Valley and Nature Coast **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** conditions will likely be introduced in the area. KBDI values also remain elevated in the 500-600 range, especially over portions of the Nature Coast. There was some "beneficial" rainfall that moved across the I-10 corridor this past weekend, about 0.5-1.5", but its just enough to keep conditions largely status quo for the rest of North Florida. The heaviest rainfall activity late last week near South Florida remains offshore; however, there were some pockets of heavier rainfall of 1-2" near the Southeast Florida coast.

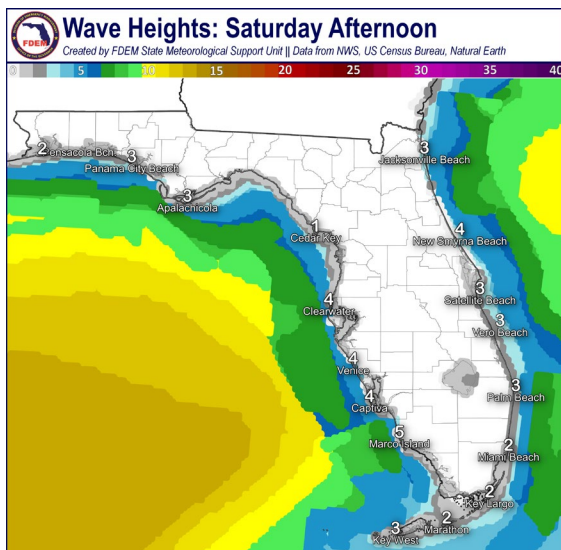
The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **474 (-8)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **31** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

Very dry and cold air settling into the state Tuesday and into Wednesday will keep relative humidity values **near and below critical thresholds** across most of the state, but especially the northern and western parts. This will lead to **sensitive wildfire conditions**, especially with the ongoing and expanding drought conditions this winter season. While much of South Florida will see relative humidity values remain above critical thresholds, lingering breezy **wind gusts of 15-20 mph** will persist through the midweek, which may help aid wildfire spread if any new ones start or for any ongoing ones. Moisture begins to slowly creep back later this week with the next approaching frontal system as it could bring isolated to widely scattered showers, but then another blast of very cold and dry air moves in behind it. The ongoing below normal temperatures should help to limit wildfire development and spread the next few days. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 25 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 303 acres.

## Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

Lingering ocean swells and northerly winds persisting along the Florida East Coast will create a **moderate to high risk for rip currents** along all beaches through the rest of the work week. Panhandle beaches can expect a **moderate risk for rip currents** as winds maintain offshore flow through much of this week. As ocean swells make their way southward along the western coastline, a low risk will gradually return by Thursday for all beaches along the West Coast. By Saturday breezy and gusty winds along with another round of large ocean swells will create a **high risk for rip currents** statewide.





Large ocean swells along the Peninsula will create wave **heights of 3-5'** along the Florida West Coast, but larger wave **heights of 4-8'** along the East Coast. Breaking **waves of 9-11'** will be possible just offshore from the Treasure and Southeast Florida coasts Tuesday afternoon. Calmer conditions can be expected beginning Wednesday afternoon and continuing into Friday afternoon with wave heights reaching 1-3' across the state. Portions of the Southeast Florida coast and the Atlantic-facing Keys will continue to see wave **heights near 4'**. Our next frontal system will move into the state Saturday bringing strong winds and large ocean swells Saturday afternoon. Wave height will **grow to 3-5'** across the state with larger breaking waves offshore **upwards of 6-8'** possible.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) report shows algal bloom conditions were reported at high levels within the

Charlotte Harbor near Pomeroy Canal, Caloosahatchee River in the Sebastian Canal, Lake Placid, Georges Lake and Lake Killarney within the Lower St. Johns River and the Veterans Memorial Park Pond in the Pensacola Bay. Moderate levels have been observed within the Upper St. Johns River in Lake Monroe and Lake Jesup, Hobbs Lake and the southern edge of Lake Okeechobee.

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Have a wonderful rest of the week! Stay warm!

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