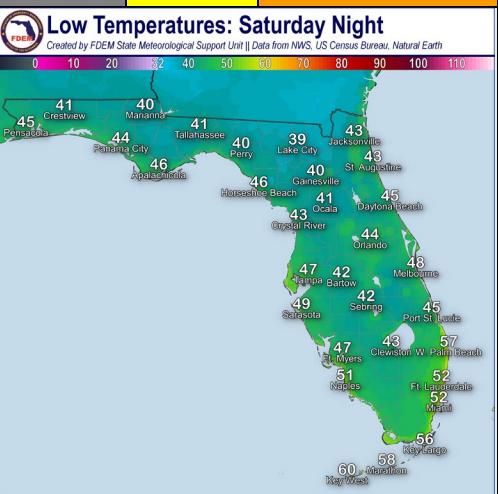
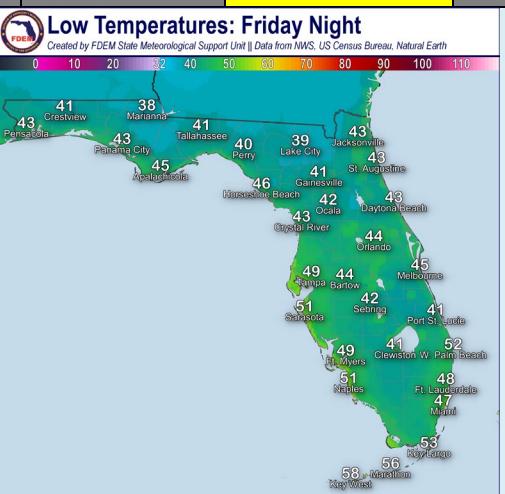
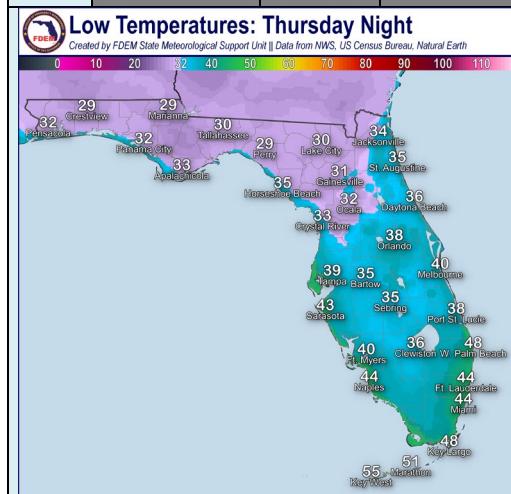


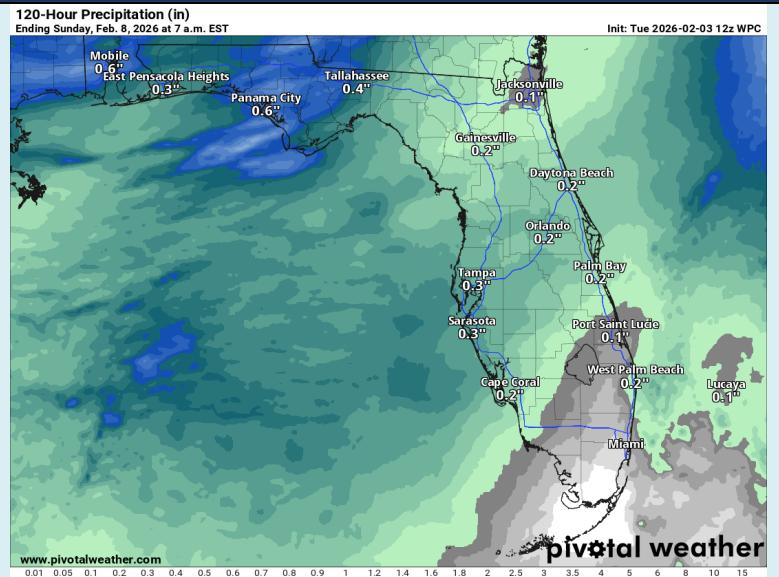
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No Threat			Low Threat		Moderate Threat		High Threat	
Day	Lightning	Tornado	Damaging Wind/Hail	Fog (Overnight)	Freeze (Overnight)	Wind Chill (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Tue				Iso. Northeast FL	Locally Northeast & North-Central FL	Locally Northeast & North-Central FL	NE & Central FL Statewide	Space & Treasure Coasts North & SW FL West Coast
Wed	Iso. Coastal Panhandle & Big Bend			Iso. Nature Coast and West-Central FL	W. Panhandle Panhandle and Western Big Bend	Panhandle North FL	Int. Central FL Statewide	Panhandle East Coast West Coast
Thu					Panhandle & Big Bend Interior Statewide	North & Interior Central FL Statewide	Statewide	Statewide
Fri					North of I-10 Corridor	I-10 Corridor & Suwannee Valley	Statewide	Statewide
Sat					Northern Suwannee Valley		NE FL & Peninsula Statewide	East Coast Statewide



Forecast Low Temperatures: Thursday, Friday & Saturday



Severe Weather Awareness Week 2026: February 2-6

5 Day Forecast Rainfall Totals – Through Saturday Evening



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...Chilly Start to the Forecast Period But Temperatures Gradually Warm Up Through Midweek...Another Cold Front Sweeps Through Wednesday and Thursday Bringing Shower Activity; Possible Rumble of Thunder for the Panhandle Coast...This Cold Front Not Expected To Be As Potent As the Last One, But Will Bring Another Round of Cooler Temperatures Briefly...Feels-Like Temperatures Returns to 20s and 30s Nearly Statewide Friday Morning – Cold Weather Advisories Likely...Plenty of Sunshine and Warmer Temperatures For The Weekend...Elevated Wildfire Threat Returns Statewide Friday...Severe Weather Awareness Week 2026 – Statewide Tornado Drill on Wednesday...

### Severe Weather Awareness Week 2026:

Monday, February 2, 2026 – **Lightning: When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!**

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 – **Rip Currents and Marine Hazards:** *When caught in a rip current, don't fight the current. Swim parallel to the shore and gradually swim back to the shoreline.*

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 – **Thunderstorms and Tornadoes:** *If a Tornado Warning is issued for your area, seek shelter immediately away from any windows and put as many walls between you and the outside as possible.*

**The National Weather Service and the Florida Division of Emergency Management will conduct a statewide tornado drill Wednesday (February 4, 2026) at 10:00 am EST/9:00 am CST.**

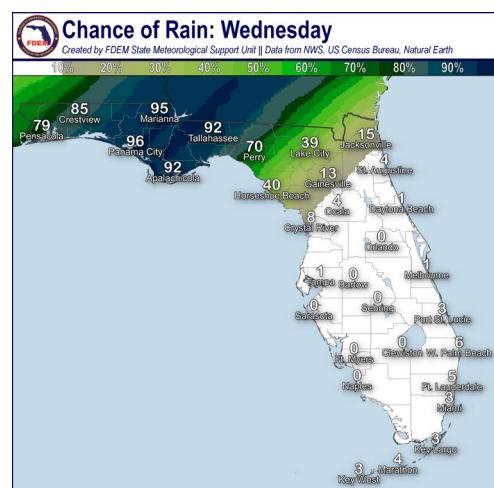
1. Floridians are asked to consider themselves under a Tornado Watch during the morning.
2. At 10:00 am EST/9:00 am CST, the National Weather Service will issue a “Routine Weekly Test” message instructing persons to enact their local tornado sheltering procedures.
3. The Tornado Drill will conclude around 10:30 am EST.

Thursday, February 5, 2026 – **Hurricanes and Flooding: Know Your Zone, Know Your Home. Turn Around, Don't Drown!**

Friday, February 6, 2026 – **Wildfires and Extreme Temperatures: Remember the 5P's of Cold Weather Preparedness!**

### Tuesday – Thursday:

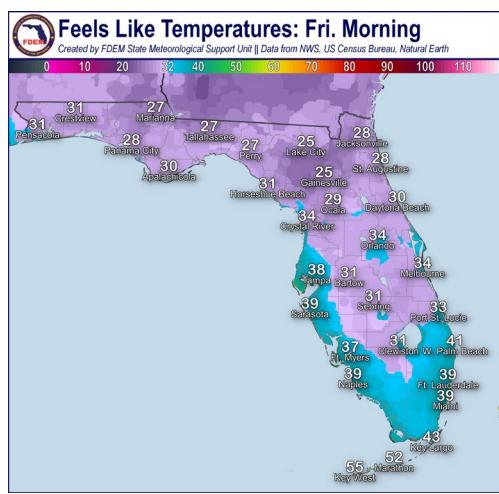
High pressure sitting on top of the Sunshine State on Tuesday will bring plenty of sunshine and allow temperatures to warm up from the last several days. Lingering dry air over Northeast and Central Florida will lead to **elevated wildfire conditions** persisting as relative humidity values will **dip into critical thresholds**. This area of high pressure will gradually slide eastward Wednesday evening and overnight towards the western Atlantic waters ahead of the next cold front approaching from the west. This cold front will move into the Panhandle late overnight Tuesday and early Wednesday morning bringing scattered to widespread shower activity (45-75% chance of rain). Scattered to widespread showers will



spread eastward into the rest of the Panhandle and Big Bend throughout the day on Wednesday bringing needed rainfall to the area (70-near 100% chance of rain). Lack of favorable conditions along the Panhandle and Big Bend coastlines may allow for a rumble of thunder or two, but overall thunderstorm is expected to be limited. As the front continues to push eastward into Northeast Florida and the Peninsula Wednesday night and into Thursday, drier air out ahead will begin to lead to more isolated to widely scattered shower activity (15-45% chance of rain). Behind this cold front will be another round of cool and dry air, but not nearly as potent as last weekend's cold front. Drier air moving into the Panhandle on Thursday may increase the wildfire threat as rainfall associated with this front is expected to be limited to about 1-2". Breezier winds will also develop late Thursday evening and overnight across the state as the cooler air chases behind the front.

High temperatures will return to the 60s across the state on Tuesday afternoon, and the 60s and 70s Wednesday afternoon giving way to pleasant conditions. Cooler air filtering into the state on Thursday will drop high temperatures into the lower to middle 50s across North Florida, middle 50s to lower 60s across Central Florida and middle to upper 60s across South Florida. Low temperatures will fall into the **middle to upper 30s** for Northeast Florida, 40s across the rest of North and Central Florida and upper 40s to upper 50s across South Florida. The ongoing cooler temperatures overnight, as well as light winds, may allow for instances of **patchy frost** to develop for Northeast and Central Florida, especially in more shady areas Tuesday night. **Feels-like temperatures** throughout the Suwannee Valley and interior Northeast Florida will reach the **lower 30s** by Wednesday morning. Low temperatures will fall into the **30s** and lower 40s across North Florida and upper 40s to middle 50s across Central and South Florida Wednesday night. *Because of the criteria needed and thresholds met for Freeze Warnings across the Panhandle, Freeze Warnings will not be issued Wednesday night; however, sub-freezing temperatures will be possible in portions of the Panhandle.* Increasing winds will

create **feels-like temperatures** in the **middle to upper 20s** for the Panhandle and **lower to middle 30s** for the Big Bend and Northeast Florida Thursday morning. **Cold Weather Advisories** could be issued for the Panhandle overnight Wednesday and into Thursday morning. Low temperatures will fall into the **upper 20s to lower 30s** throughout North Florida and the Nature Coast and **middle 30s** to upper 40s for the rest of the state Thursday night. **Freeze Warnings** could be issued for Northeast and portions of interior Central and South Florida. **Feels-like temperatures** will drop into the **middle 20s to middle 30s** across North and Central Florida and **30s** along coastal Central Florida and throughout most of South Florida Friday morning. **Widespread Cold Weather Advisories** can be anticipated for **sub-freezing to freezing wind chills** extending well throughout the state.

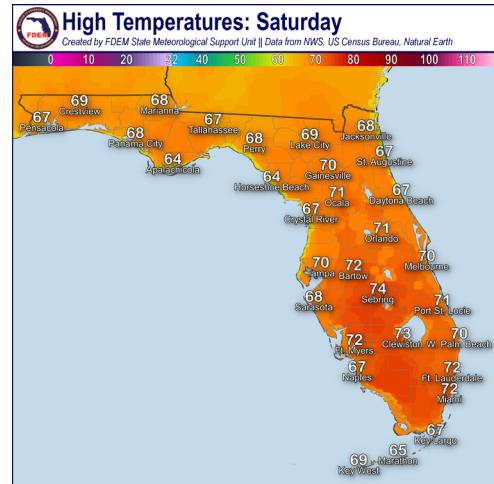


## Friday – Saturday:

Friday will be another chilly start in the morning across the state with sub-freezing to freezing winds chills nearly statewide. High pressure returning over the Sunshine State will lead to temperatures gradually warming up each day through the weekend. A near-zero chance of rain and plenty of sunshine will bring pleasant conditions across the state for the end of the week and over the weekend. Northwesterly winds will help usher in drier air across the state leading to a more **elevated wildfire risk**, especially on Friday as winds remain breezier. Moisture will start to recover on Saturday; however, ongoing drought conditions will continue to promote a **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire** environment nearly statewide. Lighter winds Friday night and cooler temperatures may lead to instances of some **patchy frost** north of the I-10 corridor and in the Suwannee Valley.



High temperatures will reach the upper 50s to middle 60s on Friday then warm up to the middle 60s to middle 70s in the afternoon on Saturday. Low temperatures will remain in the **upper 30s** to lower 50s throughout the state both nights.



## Hydrology & Flooding:

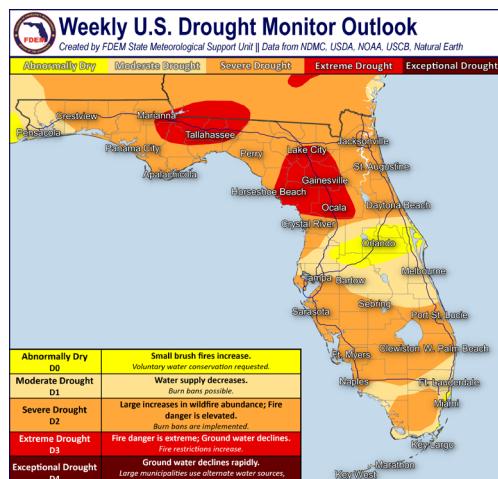
There is no risk for flash flooding over the next five (5) days. The next frontal system will move through midweek across the state bringing much needed rainfall for the Panhandle, but rain chances slim down as the front pushes through the Peninsula. More scattered to widespread shower activity across the Panhandle could bring upwards of 1-2" along the Panhandle and the western Big Bend. Localized instances upwards of an inch may be possible along the Nature Coast, but elsewhere across the state rainfall totals look to remain below 0.5". For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) [website](#).

There are no riverine concerns at this time. Numerous North and West-Central Florida rivers are running well-below normal streamflows given the ongoing drought conditions and lack of rainfall. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.67 feet, which is within the operational band and 1.98 feet below normal for this time of year.

## Drought & Fire Weather:

With a serious lack of beneficial rainfall across the state for the last several months, drought conditions continue to worsen. Large patches across the southern half of the Florida Peninsula were very dry and saw moisture deficits increase. This week, extreme drought (level 3 of 4) was introduced along the Nature Coast and Suwannee Valley due to very low streamflow in the major river basin. The Abnormally Dry (emerging drought) area contained to a portion of East-Central Florida continues to shrink as moderate to severe drought (level 1-2 of 4) drought conditions continue to grow. The only part of the state that saw any improvement was the extreme coastline of Miami-Dade County where some locally heavy rainfall near the shoreline occurred, which in the grande scheme of everything is very minor. Large patches of the southern half of the state, and a few areas in the northern half, have recorded less than 0.25" of normal precipitation in the last 90 days.



With increased dry conditions over the last few days, increasing KBDI values and little additional rainfall expected extreme drought (level 3 of 4) will return to interior portions of South Florida on the next update. Temperatures over the last week have been below normal across the state, but they have also been dry. These conditions have led to an uptick in wildfire activity, especially over the last couple of days across the Peninsula. The cold front that brought these colder temperatures did not bring much in terms of rainfall last week either. Severe to extreme drought (level 2-3 of 4) will continue to expand across the state this week.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **480** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **32** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

**Elevated wildfire conditions** will continue on Tuesday across Northeast and Central Florida where relative humidity values will fall below critical thresholds in the afternoons; however, light winds

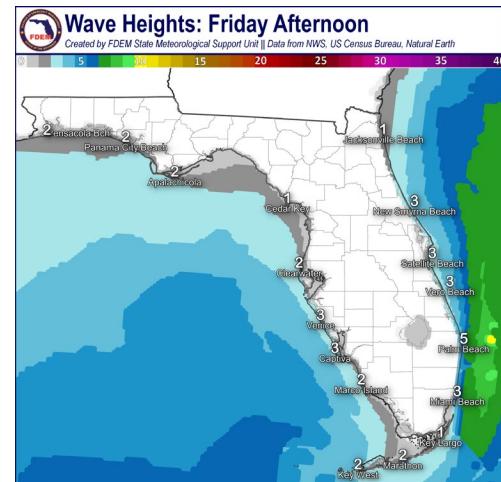


from the last couple of days can be expected. A cold front will sweep through the state Wednesday and Thursday bring rain showers, mostly to the Panhandle, but generally across the state. Behind this cold front, another round of dry and cool air will move back into the state. Thursday afternoon winds will reach upwards of 10-15 mph across the state with **gusts reaching 15-25 mph**. Relative humidity values will dip back down **near and into critical thresholds** on Friday statewide as the drier air mass sits over the state. Little accumulation from rainfall and the passing front will help with the ongoing drought conditions across the state, which is also contributing to the **increased wildfire risk**. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 25 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 303 acres.

### Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

While a **moderate risk for rip currents** can be expected across numerous beaches on Tuesday, a **high risk** will return to beaches midweek as another cold front pushes through. Ahead of the cold front, Panhandle beaches will see a **high risk** due to onshore winds. Behind this cold front, breezy northwesterly winds will return statewide, along with larger ocean swells, leading to the **higher risk**. These conditions will continue through the end of the week until lighter winds return for the Gulf Coast and ocean swells begin to dissipate allowing for a **moderate risk** to return by Saturday. Ocean swells will linger along the Florida East Coast longer later this week and into the weekend, prolonging the **high risk for rip currents**.

Marine conditions are expected to remain calm Tuesday and into Wednesday for the Gulf Coast. Beginning Wednesday night and into Thursday, swells in the Gulf waters begin to increase behind a passing cold front allowing for wave **heights to reach 3-6'**. The Florida West Coast could even see wave heights **upwards of 7'**. A return to calmer conditions can be expected for the Panhandle beginning Friday afternoon where wave heights will return to 2-3'. Lingering swells will continue to create elevated **surf of 2-4'** for the West Coast. Much like the gulf beaches, East Coast beaches will see calmer conditions gradually return Wednesday and into Thursday with **surf reaching 3-5'**. Overnight Thursday and into Friday, ocean swells will **increase to 4-7'** along beaches with larger waves **upwards of 8-10'** possible for Treasure Coast beaches. **High Surf Advisories** may be needed again for those beaches beginning Thursday night or Friday morning. Surf conditions will linger through Saturday as they slowly decline.



With a refreshing round of breezy northwesterly winds and larger ocean swells returning Thursday and into Friday, instances of **nuisance to minor coastal flooding** cannot be ruled out at times of high tide for Gulf-facing Key beaches. **Coastal Flood Statements** may be needed; however, conditions are not anticipated to be as intense as over the weekend.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) dashboard shows there have been 66 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** of algal blooms were reported at the Veterans Memorial Park Pond in the Pensacola Bay and the Pahokee Marina in southeastern Lake Okeechobee. **Moderate levels** were also reported within the Caloosahatchee River, southern Lake Okeechobee and Lake Bass.

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Have a wonderful rest of the week! Stay warm!

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