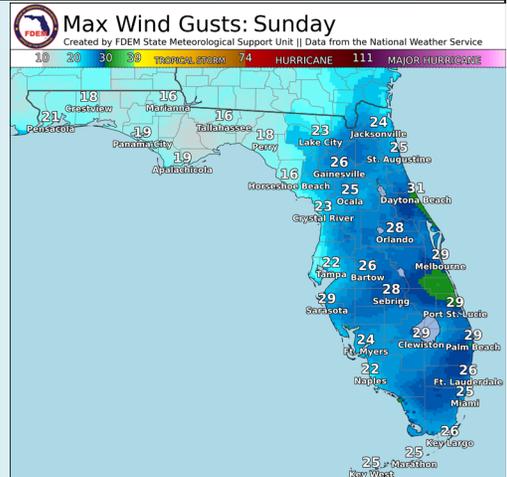
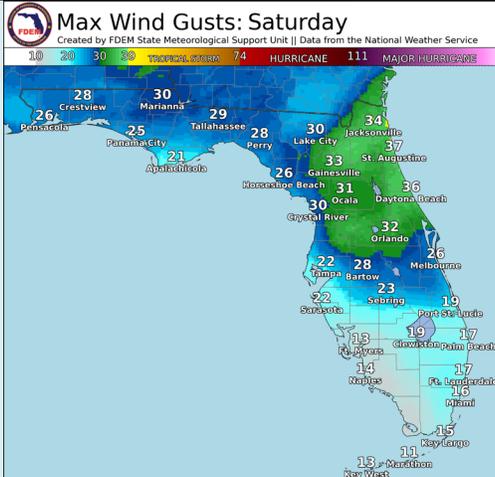
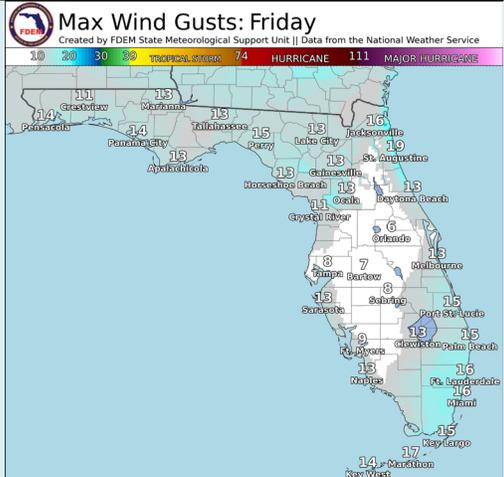


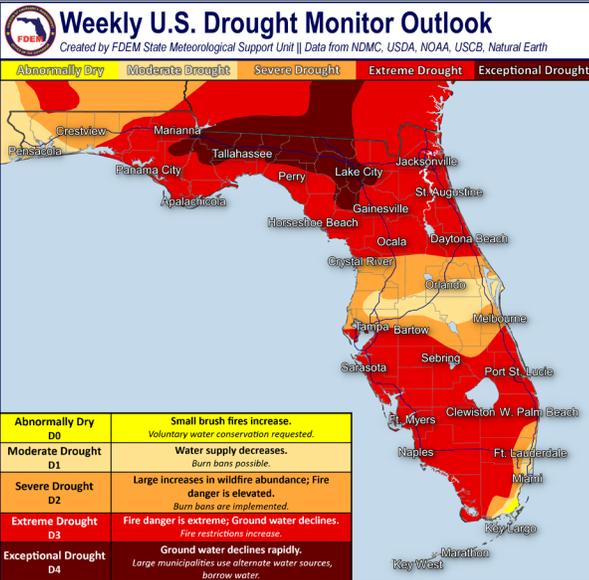
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5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook

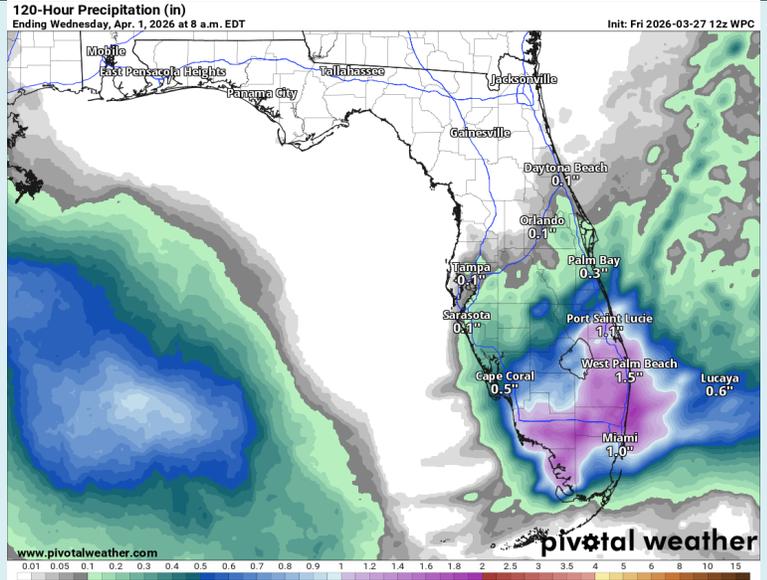
No Threat		Low Threat		Moderate Threat		High Threat		
Day	Lightning	Tornado / Wind	Flash Flooding	Coastal Flooding	Extreme Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Fri					Iso. Northeast Florida	Locally Int. Central & South Florida	Locally NE Florida Statewide	Locally Palm Beach Panhandle & East Coast West Coast
Sat	Along & South of I-4		Iso. South Florida	Northeast & East-Central FL			FL Panhandle North Florida Statewide	Panhandle & East Coast West Coast
Sun	South Florida		Coastal Southeast Florida	Locally NE & East-Central FL			NE Florida & Peninsula North Florida	Panhandle & East Coast West Coast
Mon	Central & South Florida			Northeast & East-Central FL		Florida Panhandle & Big Bend	Locally Peninsula Statewide	Panhandle & East Coast West Coast
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Forecast Wind Gusts: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Afternoon



Drought Monitor: Valid 3/26/2026



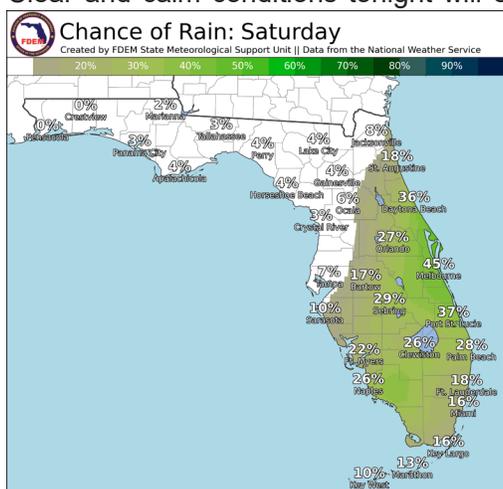
5-Day Forecast Rainfall Totals: Through Tuesday Evening



**...Active Weather Pattern Returns with Frontal Passage This Weekend... Isolated to Scattered Showers and Thunderstorms Return South of I-4 Corridor... Locally Heavy Downpours Possible Within Stronger Activity... Very Windy Conditions Develop Behind Front, Wind Advisories Likely... Elevated to Locally Critical Wildfire Conditions Expected Across North Florida... Dangerous Beach and Marine Conditions Return to Florida East Coast...**

**Friday:**

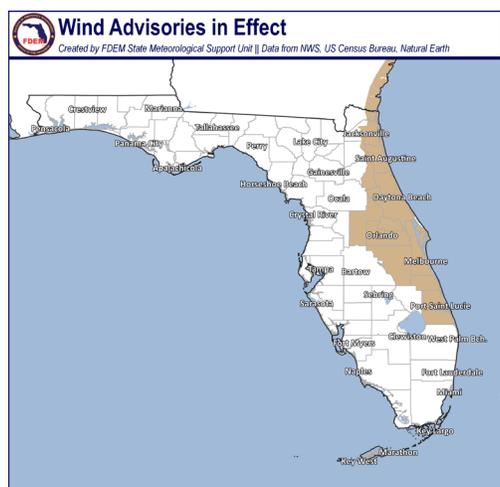
High pressure will remain overhead today ahead of our next frontal passage this weekend. Mostly dry conditions will prevail statewide with sunny skies this afternoon. A few isolated showers or embedded thunderstorms cannot be ruled out across interior Central and South Florida along the sea breezes as they push inland (15-20% chance of rain), though activity will generally be light and brief in nature. Should a heavier slow-moving thunderstorm develop, a **quick 1-2" of rain** cannot be ruled out in localized areas. The high pressure system will bring temperatures to near-record levels this afternoon, with highs reaching the middle to upper 80s across interior portions of the state. *A few locations may top out near 90-degrees.* Breezier **winds of 15-20 mph** will keep temperatures in the 70s to lower 80s along the coasts. Clear and calm conditions tonight will encourage another night of **fog and low cloud** development, with



portions of interior Central and South Florida favored for **locally dense fog**. Lows will only reach into the upper 50s to middle 60s across much of the state, with coastal Southeast Florida and the Keys reaching the lower 70s.

**Saturday-Tuesday:**

A frontal passage is expected late tonight and Saturday morning ushering in a much drier airmass and breezy to windy conditions across much of North Florida. This front is expected to be dry across North Florida where moisture will be limited, though enough moisture will allow for isolated to widely scattered shower chances south of the I-4 corridor Saturday afternoon (25-40% chance of rain). Further east and outside of shower and thunderstorm activity, winds are expected to be even stronger across Northeast and North-Central Florida, with some wind gusts **upwards of 40-45 mph** possible. **Wind Advisories** extend along the Florida East Coast, as locally higher wind gusts may be realized for the immediate coastal communities. High temperatures will cool to the 70s across North Florida behind the frontal passage, with 80s expected throughout Central and South Florida. Scattered showers and embedded thunderstorms will continue to push onshore overnight across East-Central and Southeast Florida as the front begins to stall (40-60% chance of rain). Breezy northeasterly **wind gusts of 25-35 mph** will also persist, helping to push lingering showers onshore. Lows will dip into the lower to middle 50s across North Florida and 60s to lower 70s in Central and South Florida.



On Sunday, the front will largely stall over the southern Florida Peninsula where abundant moisture will reside and promote the development of scattered showers and embedded thunderstorms through the day (40-60% chance of rain). Although there is no organized risk of flash flooding, some of this activity may be **locally strong** and capable of producing **locally heavy downpours**. Any areas that receive repeated rounds of heavier showers and thunderstorms will be susceptible to **ponding of water and localized flooding**, especially in urban and low-lying/poor drainage locations of the Southeast Florida I-95

corridor. Rainfall totals of 1-2" are expected, especially along the Treasure and Southeast Coast, with **locally higher totals** upwards of 3-5" possible. Winds will begin to subside across the Florida Panhandle where



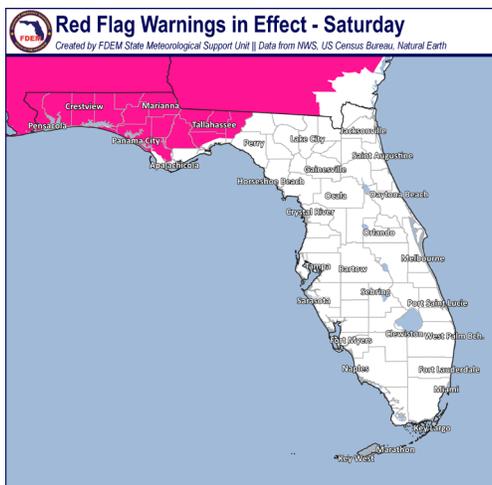


**normally dry ground**, especially during times of high tide, leading to **minor coastal flooding** in low-lying areas. Additionally, the combination of elevated water levels and wave action will support instances of **beach and dune erosion**, with the greatest impacts expected late Saturday through Sunday. There are no riverine flooding concerns across Florida. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#). Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.97 feet, which is within the operational band and 2.37 feet below normal for this time of year.

### Drought & Fire Weather:

Very little in the way of any beneficial or meaningful rainfall was observed over the past week across the state with status quo drought conditions continuing. The heaviest rainfall over the past week was observed along the immediate Southeast Florida coastline and portions of East-Central Florida with totals upwards of 1-3". However, these totals were very localized with many locations seeing little to no rain. Widespread **severe (level 2 of 4) to extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** continues nearly statewide, with the largest change occurring across the Big Bend region. **Exceptional (level 4 of 4) drought** has been expanded across much of the I-10 corridor across the Big Bend and into the eastern Panhandle throughout northern Calhoun, Liberty, Gadsden, northern Leon, Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, Suwannee, Gilchrist, Columbia, and Union counties. Record low streamflows and precipitation **deficits of 5-8"** persist. Soil moisture levels deep into the ground have also worsened and water management districts statewide remain under some water shortage advisory or warning. Looking ahead, a widespread drenching rainfall is not expected over the next week. Mostly dry conditions will continue throughout North Florida where the afternoon sea breezes will have less influence. Throughout the Peninsula, daily shower or thunderstorm activity may return starting this weekend, though activity will be scattered in coverage and drought conditions are not expected to improve. The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **468** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **26** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

Only a few isolated showers are expected across interior Central and South Florida today, triggered by the afternoon sea breeze boundary (15-20% chance of rain). Activity will be mostly light and brief in nature, though an isolated lightning strike cannot be ruled out. Relative humidity values will remain well above critical thresholds statewide; however, the combination of persistent drought and extremely dry



soils/vegetation will maintain an overall **low wildfire threat** statewide today. Outside of thunderstorm activity, winds generally out of the east to east-northeast between 5-10 mph can be expected with **wind gusts** reaching **15-20 mph** at times along the I-95 corridor. Areas of **patchy to locally dense fog** can be expected again tonight across Florida, with the greatest chance for periods of reduced visibilities residing across interior Central and South Florida; *a further reduction in visibility can be expected where fog develops near any ongoing wildfires or burns*. The active frontal pattern this weekend will encourage **elevated to locally critical wildfire conditions** as relative humidities will dip to **critical thresholds (20-30%)** across the Florida Panhandle Saturday afternoon which. Windy northeasterly to east-northeasterly **wind gusts** of **25-35 mph** can be expected along and north of the I-4 corridor, with locally higher **wind gusts** upwards of **35-40 mph** possible throughout Northeast Florida.

**Red Flag Warnings** are in effect Saturday afternoon across the Florida Panhandle. Any wildfires or burns that develop will likely spread rapidly and existing wildfire will likely behave erratically during the afternoon and evening hours; *outdoor burning is not recommended!* Winds will remain elevated on Sunday with **wind gusts** reaching **15-25 mph** through the daytime hours; localized **gusts** of **25-30 mph** will gradually expand southward into the Florida Peninsula. A **sensitive to elevated wildfire threat** can be expected to continue Sunday for most Florida locations. Relative humidity values will begin their rebound Monday and Tuesday, with easterly winds remaining enhanced throughout Central and South Florida. **Wind gusts** of **20-25 mph** can be expected south of I-4 throughout the remainder of the forecast period keeping **sensitive to locally**

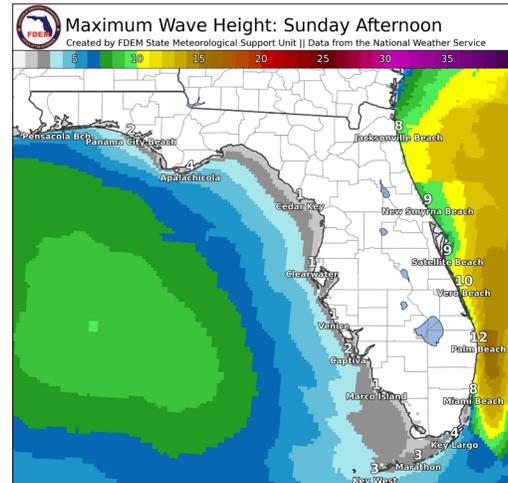


**elevated wildfire concerns** as we close out the month of March. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 55 wildfires across the state burning approximately 4,025 acres (as of 1:35 PM EDT).

### Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

An **elevated risk of rip currents** can be expected to continue for most Florida Panhandle and East Coast beaches today, with a **locally high risk of rip currents** along the Palm Beach County coastline. Windy conditions develop along the Florida coastal regions this weekend will lead to a **moderate to high risk of rip currents** along all Florida beaches. Winds will gradually subside early next week, allowing for the rip current risk along the West Florida Coast to return to low levels; however, the continuation of easterly flow will maintain a **moderate to high risk of rip currents** for most Florida Panhandle and East Coast beaches.

A calm sea state featuring wave heights of 1-3' along Florida beaches will be short-lived as another frontal system will lead to **dangerous beach and boating conditions** statewide this weekend. Generally shielded by the Florida Peninsula, **wave heights** of 2-4' can be expected for Florida Gulf Coast beaches; however, quite a different story will be told along the Atlantic Coast. Saturday afternoon, **wave heights** of 4-7' can be expected to migrate along the Florida East Coast becoming locally 8-10' Saturday evening. **Very large breakers** in the surf zone will maximize on Sunday, reaching 6-10'. **High Surf Advisories** may be issued as soon as Saturday morning for eastern Florida beaches; **locally higher wave heights** upwards of 11-13' cannot be ruled out, especially along the southern Space Coast, Treasure Coast, and Southeast Florida Coast. *Entering the surf is not advised this weekend!* Winds moderate slightly early next week; however, easterly onshore flow will maintain **wave heights** of 6-9' for many Florida East Coast beaches Monday, gradually subsiding to 4-6' by Tuesday.



The latest **Blue-Green Algae** dashboard shows there have been 72 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed at Lake Killarney in the upper St. Johns River, Lake Thonotosassa, and the Peace River off Lake Branch Road. **Moderate levels** have been observed in numerous locations along the edge of Lake Okeechobee and the St. Johns River (both upper and lower). **Moderate levels** have also been observed within the Caloosahatchee River, Whitaker Bayou in Sarasota Bay, and Lake Avalon in the Big Cypress Swamp.

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Have a wonderful weekend!

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