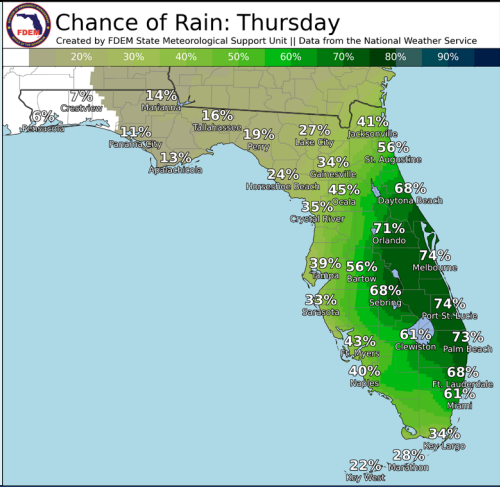
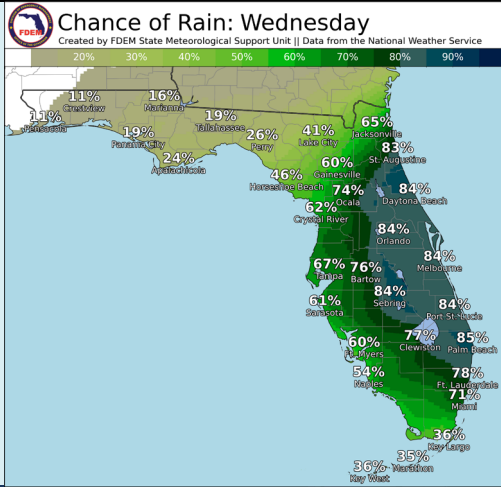
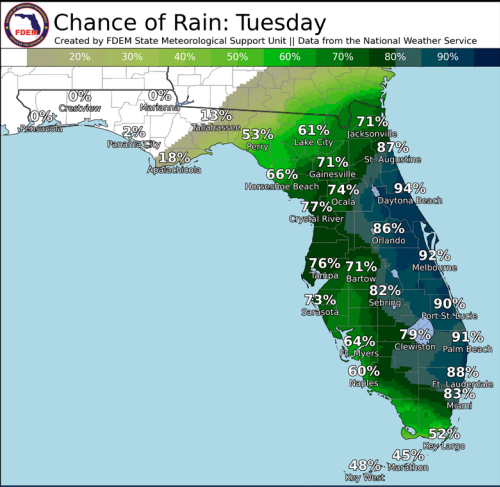


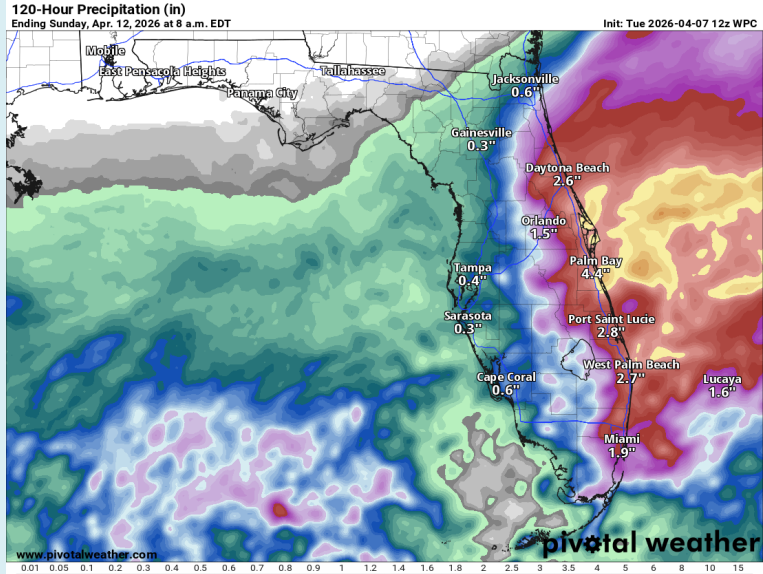
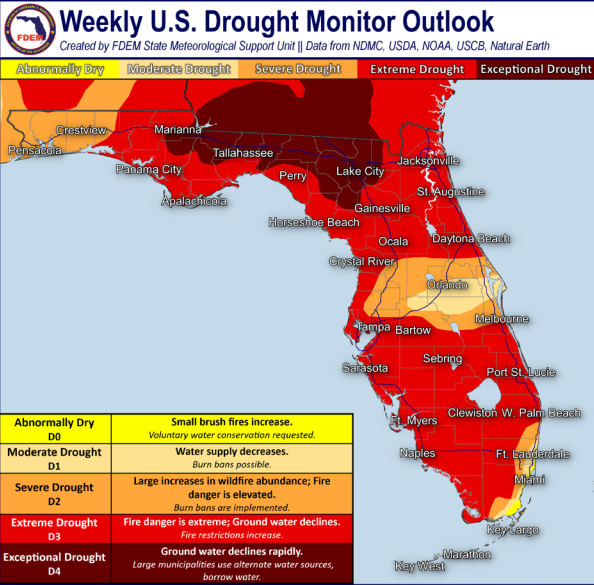
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5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook

No Threat		Low Threat			Moderate Threat		High Threat	
Day	Lightning	Damaging Wind/ Hail	Flash Flooding	Coastal Flooding	Extreme Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Tue	Locally Interior Central & South FL Peninsula	Iso. Central & South FL	I-95 Corridor Interior Central & South FL	Iso. First & Space Coast			Eastern Panhandle & Big Bend Western Panhandle Northeast FL	East Coast & Forgotten Coast Northwest FL & Sun Coast Southwest FL & Nature Coast
Wed	Peninsula	Iso. Central & South FL	East Coast	Iso. East Coast			Locally Panhandle & Big Bend North FL	East Coast & Panhandle West Coast
Thu	South & East- Central FL	Iso. Central & South FL	Locally East- Central & Southeast FL	Iso. East Coast			Locally Panhandle & Big Bend North FL	East Coast & Panhandle West Coast
Fri	South & East- Central FL			Iso. East Coast		Locally Northeast FL	Locally Panhandle & Big Bend North FL	East Coast Panhandle West Coast
Sat						Locally Northeast FL	North FL Statewide	East Coast Panhandle West Coast



Forecast Chance of Rain: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday



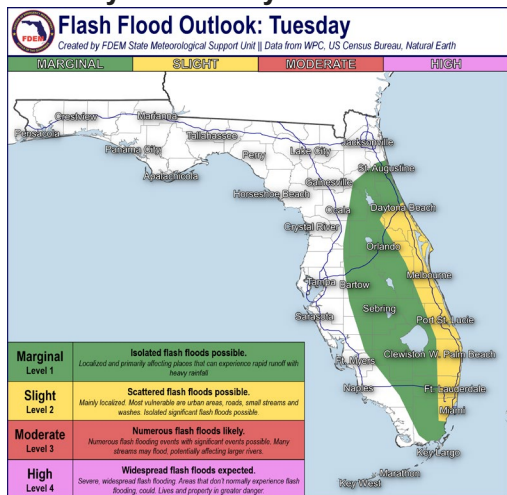
Drought Monitor: Valid 4/2/2026

5-Day Forecast Rainfall Totals: Through Saturday Evening



...Unsettled Weather Continues Throughout the Peninsula Along a Stalled Frontal Boundary... Numerous Rounds of Heavy Downpours Expected Along the East Coast Through Thursday... Increased Urban Flooding Concerns Along the I-95 Corridor... Windy Conditions Develop Today Across North and Central Florida, Linger Through Thursday... Critical Wildfire Risk Across the Panhandle and Big Bend Today; Elevated Conditions Last Through the Week... Dangerous Beach and Marine Conditions Along the East Coast... High Risk for Rip Currents Accompanies High Surf Upwards of 10-13 Feet... Minor Beach Erosion Possible Along Vulnerable Beaches...

Tuesday – Thursday:

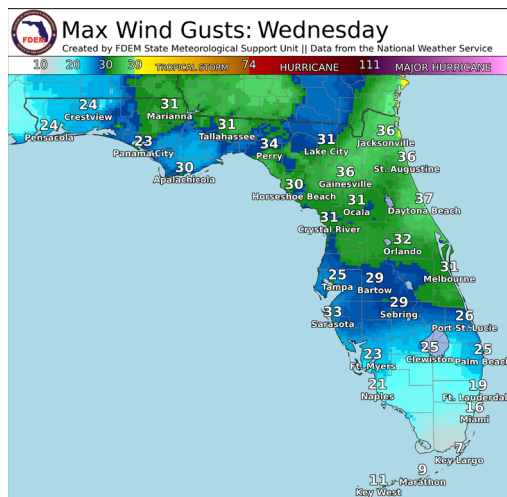


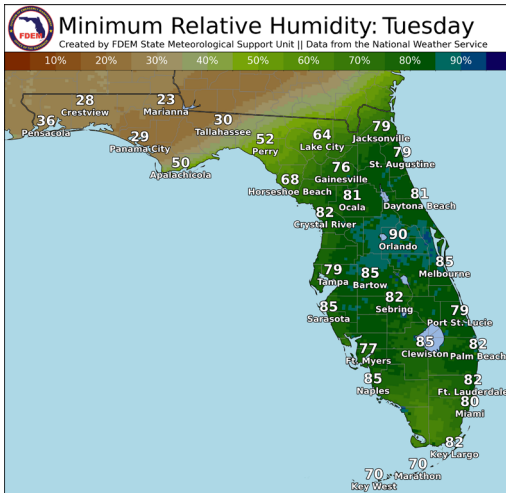
A stalled frontal system across Central and South Florida will serve as the primary culprit for an active stretch of weather across the Sunshine State this week. This cold front will hardly budge through Thursday, focusing rounds of showers and embedded thunderstorms across the Peninsula. The greatest chance of rain each day will be across East-Central and Southeast Florida (60-90% chance of rain) where multiple days of heavy rainfall could lead to some **urban flooding concerns**. The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) has outlooked a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** along the I-95 corridor from Volusia County to Miami-Dade County today. Additionally, a **Flood Watch** is in effect for coastal areas of these counties. Multiple rounds of **heavy downpours** could lead to instances of **street flooding** and **ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are also expected across Southwest and West-Central Florida, though will

not be as heavy or widespread in coverage (40-75% chance of rain). Still, areas of **nuisance flooding** cannot be ruled out. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across interior Central and South Florida today and for the I-95 corridor on Wednesday. Although there is no organized risk for severe weather, any embedded thunderstorm across the Peninsula could become **locally strong** and capable of producing frequent lightning and gusty winds (40-50 mph). Across Northeast Florida, light to moderate rain showers are expected today and Wednesday (40-60% chance of rain) before activity pushes further south along the coast on Thursday.

A strong area of high pressure along the eastern seaboard will begin to wedge southward into the Southeast U.S. today. Florida will find itself pinned between the high pressure to the north and frontal system to the south, providing a gradient for strong winds to develop across North and Central Florida. Winds will gust to **25-35 mph** across North and Central Florida today, with locally higher gusts **upwards of 35-45 mph** possible along the Northeast and East-Central coast. A **Wind Advisory** is in effect along the coast today and through tonight for these windy conditions. Winds will remain elevated on Wednesday, and in fact will likely increase as the high pressure presses further south into the area. This will bring wind gusts of **30-40 mph** across all of North and Central Florida, with **locally higher gusts** along the immediate coast. Winds will finally begin to subside on Thursday, though will still remain elevated in the **20-30 mph** range.

Across the Panhandle and Big Bend, a ribbon of drier air will begin to filter into the area today which, paired with the breezy





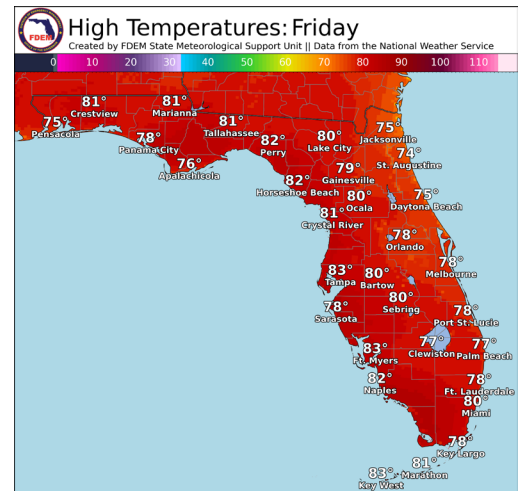
conditions, will promote **elevated** to **locally critical wildfire conditions** across the area. Rainfall in recent days has been minimal to provide any real relief to the dry fuels, and the dry air combined with breezy winds will allow for a heightened wildfire risk. A **Red Flag Warning** is in effect for the entire Panhandle and western Big Bend through this afternoon. Relative humidities will rebound slightly above critical thresholds Wednesday and Thursday, though **locally elevated wildfire conditions** will likely persist given the dry background conditions.

High temperatures will be the coolest across Northeast and East-Central Florida where abundant cloud cover and rainfall will mitigate much afternoon warming. Highs will remain in the middle 60s to middle 70s each afternoon through Thursday. Highs in the middle 70s to lower 80s are expected throughout the remainder of the state. Low temperatures will be coolest across North Florida, dipping into the 50s to lower 60s. Middle 60s to

lower 70s are expected throughout Central and South Florida.

Friday – Saturday:

The cold front will finally begin to slide south and eastward away from Florida on Friday, bringing with it most tropical moisture that has pooled across the state. A few isolated showers will be possible across Central and South Florida on Friday (15-25% chance of rain), and mostly South Florida on Saturday (15-20% chance of rain). High pressure along the East Coast will continue to slide southward and settle over the state this weekend, bringing mostly dry conditions to the state by Saturday. Breezy winds will linger along the East Coast on Friday, with a few gusts **upwards of 20-25 mph** expected. Relative humidities will remain **near or below critical thresholds (30-40%)** across North Florida Friday and Saturday, which will continue to encourage **locally elevated wildfire conditions**. High temperatures will be on a warming trend as high pressure settles overhead. Highs will climb back into the lower 80s across much of the state, with winds keeping temperatures in the 70s along the East Coast. By Saturday, temperatures will begin to warm back into the middle 80s across portions of the Big Bend and I-75 corridor. Low temperatures will remain in the 50s across North Florida and 60s to lower 70s in Central and South Florida. With high pressure settling overhead, clear skies and calm nights may promote areas of **patchy fog** development across Northeast Florida Friday and Saturday night.



Hydrology & Flooding:

Numerous rounds of heavy showers and embedded thunderstorms are expected across the Peninsula today and Wednesday. The immediate East Coast will serve as the focus for the heaviest activity where a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked today and a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked on Wednesday. Recent heavy rainfall has created saturated soils throughout the urban corridor of the Florida East Coast, and additional rounds of heavy rain may allow for instances of **flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Should any slow-moving heavy downpours train over the same area, localized **flash flooding** cannot be ruled out. Ongoing drought and very low streamflows will limit the magnitude of flooding expected. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is also outlooked across interior Central and South Florida today for instances of **nuisance street flooding**. Rainfall totals look to tally up to 2-4" for most areas along the I-95 corridor, however localized amounts **upwards of 5-7"** cannot be ruled out. The western half of the Peninsula and Northeast Florida will generally receive between 0.5-2" of rainfall through the week. A mostly dry stretch



of weather will result in negligible rainfall throughout the Panhandle and Big Bend. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) [website](#).

There are no riverine or coastal flooding concerns across Florida. Rainfall will be beneficial to the very low streamflows throughout the state. However, quick rises in river levels cannot be ruled out should a river basin receive multiple rounds of heavy downpours. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.00 feet, which is within the operational band and 2.18 feet below normal for this time of year.

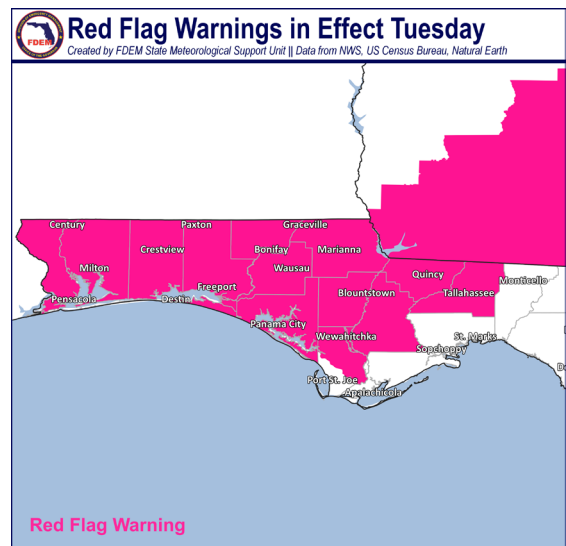
Drought & Fire Weather:

No improvements were made to last week's Drought Monitor update with very little rainfall to be found. The last remaining area of moderate drought (level 1 of 4) across the western Panhandle was upgraded to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** due to recent dryness and worsening soil moisture levels. One of the biggest changes was additional expansion of the **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** across the Big Bend, Suwannee River Valley, and eastern Panhandle. Now, additional areas of Columbia, Baker, Union, Lafayette, Wakulla, and Jackson counties are under this level 4 of 4 drought. Over the past 6 months (October 1 – March 31), Tallahassee has seen record dryness with a total rainfall departure over that time reaching 13.51 inches below normal. Areas of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** remain throughout the rest of Northeast Florida and North-Central Florida, including a new area along the coast of Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco counties. Jacksonville has also seen record dryness over the past 6 months, with the rainfall deficit of 9.98 inches below normal in that time.

Heavy rainfall throughout the Peninsula through Tuesday this week will likely bring some minor drought relief to the state. Areas of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** across Central and South Florida may be reduced back to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** where rainfall totals will near 3-5" in many locations, with locally higher amounts. However, very little rainfall was found throughout North Florida, especially across the Big Bend, which happens to overlap with the area of **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)**. It is unlikely that any significant improvements are made across North Florida, though some areas may be reduced back down to a **severe (level 2 of 4)** to **extreme (level 3 of 4) drought**.

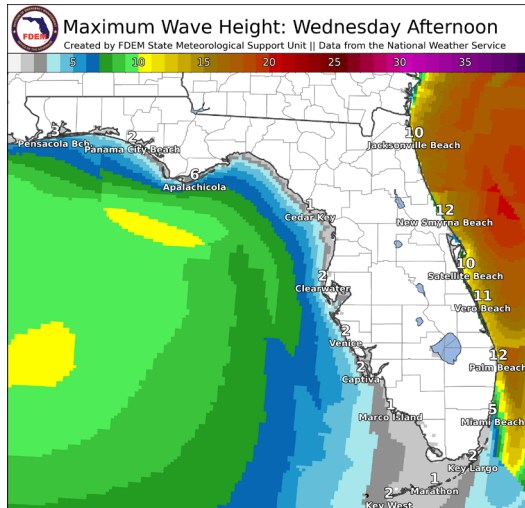
The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **491** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **36** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

Relative humidities are expected to remain lowest across the Panhandle and Big Bend through the forecast period where ongoing drought will keep at least **sensitive to locally elevated wildfire conditions** in place. However, today, relative humidities will dip to **critically low values (15-25%)** which, paired with breezy wind gusts **upwards of 25-30 mph**, will encourage **critical wildfire conditions**. A **Red Flag Warning** is in effect for the Panhandle and western Big Bend through the evening hours for this heightened wildfire risk. Winds will increase on Wednesday with gusts of **30-40 mph** expected throughout North and Central Florida, which may bring an additional **critical wildfire risk** to portions of the state. Relative humidities will remain well above critical thresholds across the Peninsula given abundant tropical moisture, however a few locally embedded thunderstorms may be capable of frequent lightning and gusty winds, which can spark new wildfires or create erratic winds. Additionally, areas of **patchy fog** are possible throughout Northeast Florida Friday and Saturday night which may significantly reduce visibilities in the vicinity of active wildfires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 64 wildfires across the state burning approximately 5,624 acres (as of 1:00 PM EDT).



Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

Dangerous beach and swimming conditions are expected this week along the East Coast as unsettled weather brings very high surf and strong onshore winds. A **high risk for rip currents** will last through the week along the East Coast and swimming is not encouraged at all local Atlantic beaches. A **high risk for rip currents** is also expected at local Panhandle beaches Wednesday and Thursday as surf and winds increase. Along the West Coast of Florida, a **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected Tuesday through Thursday before surf diminishes in the Gulf by the end of the week. A return to a **moderate risk** is also expected at this time for all Panhandle beaches.



The sea state will become significantly elevated this week with a large ocean swell developing across the East Coast. Surf will reach near **8-10'** for all First Coast beaches this afternoon before surging southward overnight with waves near **10-13'** spreading across all First, Space, and Treasure Coast beaches. Surf near **12-14'** is expected along the entire East Coast on Wednesday before gradually subsiding into the weekend. However, surf will stay dangerous and remain near **6-8'** even on Saturday. Along the Panhandle coast, waves near **2-4'** today will increase to **4-6'** on Wednesday, with a few waves **upwards of 8'** possible. Surf will diminish on Friday and Saturday back down to **2-4'**. West Coast beaches will also see a brief surge of high surf this week, peaking on Wednesday with waves near **3-5'**. **High Surf Advisories** are in effect along the western Panhandle coast, as well as the First Coast, Space Coast, and Treasure Coast this week through Thursday. Instances of **minor beach erosion** will be possible along the

East Coast this week near and during times of high tide with this high surf.

The latest **Blue-Green Algae** dashboard shows there have been 58 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed at the Blue Cypress Lake, Lake Thonotosassa, Lake Hancock, Lake Istokpoga Park, and Lake Killarney in the upper St. Johns River. **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 rest of your week!

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