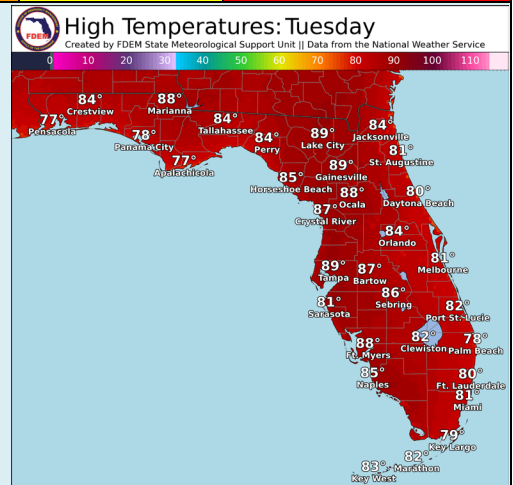
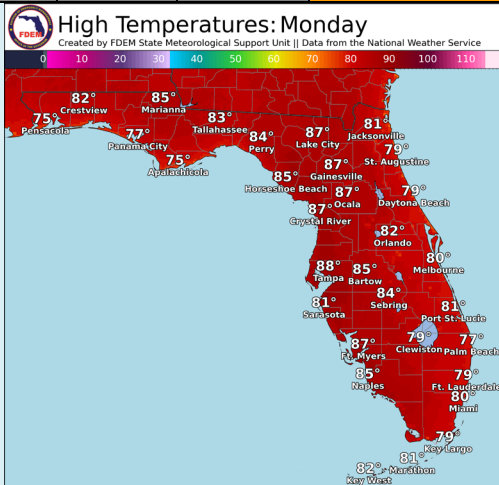
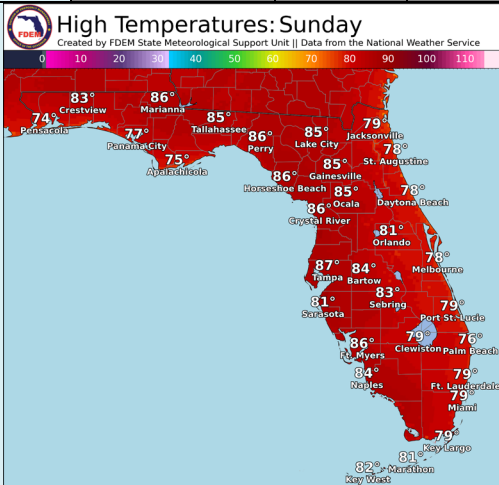


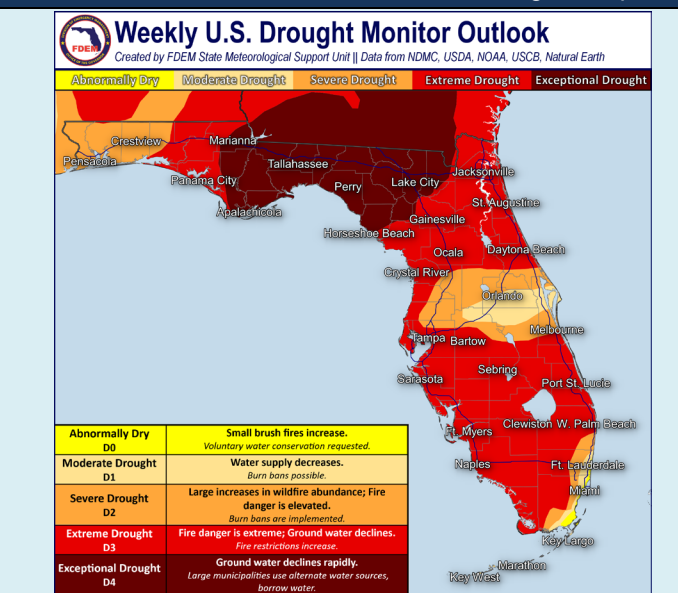
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5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook

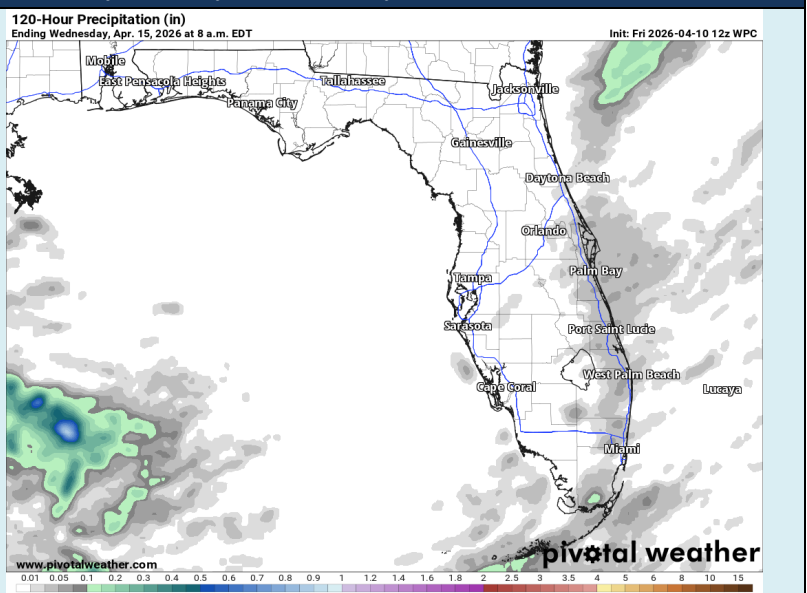
| No Threat |           | Low Threat          |                |                                   | Moderate Threat |                                  | High Threat                        |  |
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| Day       | Lightning | Damaging Wind/ Hail | Flash Flooding | Coastal Flooding                  | Extreme Heat    | Fog (Overnight)                  | Wildfire                           | Rip Currents   |
| Fri       |           |                     |                | Iso. Upper Keys & St. Johns River |                 | Northeast FL<br>North FL         | Panhandle & Big Bend<br>Statewide  | Panhandle & East Coast<br>West Coast                 |
| Sat       |           |                     |                | Iso. Keys & St. Johns River       |                 | Locally<br>Northeast FL          | Panhandle & Big Bend<br>Statewide  | East Coast<br>Panhandle<br>West Coast                |
| Sun       |           |                     |                |                                   |                 | Locally<br>North FL              | Panhandle & Big Bend<br>Statewide  | Panhandle & East Coast<br>West Coast                 |
| Mon       |           |                     |                |                                   |                 | Locally<br>Panhandle<br>North FL | Panhandle & Big Bend<br>Statewide  | Panhandle & East Coast<br>West Coast                 |
| Tue       |           |                     |                |                                   |                 | Locally<br>Panhandle<br>North FL | North & Central<br>FL<br>Statewide | Panhandle & East Coast<br>Northeast FL<br>West Coast |



Forecast High Temperatures: Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday



Drought Monitor: Valid 4/9/2026

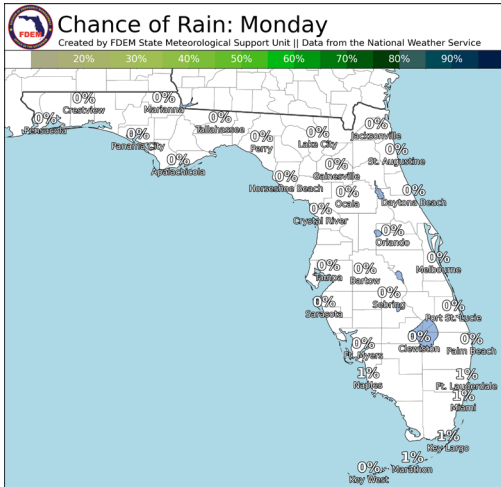


5-Day Forecast Rainfall Totals: Through Tuesday Evening



**...High Pressure to Bring an Extended Period of Warm and Dry Weather to the Sunshine State... Summerlike Temperatures into the 80s and 90s... Elevated Wildfire Conditions Across the Panhandle & Big Bend Each Afternoon... Fog Chances Increase Across North Florida Beginning this Weekend... Exceptional Drought (Level 4 of 4) Expands Across the Big Bend, Expected to Worsen in Future Weeks...**

**Friday – Tuesday:**



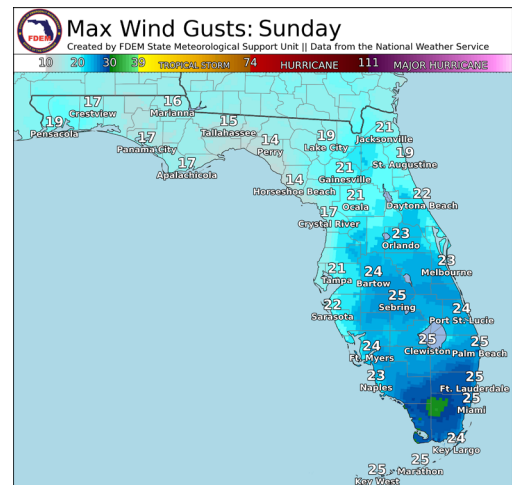
It was a rather wet week throughout the Peninsula where we saw persistent northeasterly winds bring repeated rounds of showers and thunderstorms onshore off the Atlantic. Some lingering moisture still resides along the East Coast today, and a few light showers may push onshore as winds remain elevated with gusts **upwards of 25-30 mph** today across the Peninsula (15-20% chance of rain). Any of this activity is expected to be light and brief in nature and will slowly push southward along the coast tonight and tomorrow before exiting the region. Mostly sunny skies and dry conditions will prevail throughout much of the state today.

High pressure nosing into the southeast U.S. will settle across the local area this weekend and early next week bringing a warming trend and what could be a prolonged stretch of dry weather across the Sunshine State. Chances of rain will return to near zero statewide beginning on Sunday and lasting at least through Tuesday, though appear to extend beyond mid-week as

well. As high pressure settles over the area, easterly onshore winds are expected to continue which will keep some breezy conditions throughout the Peninsula each afternoon, especially across Southeast Florida where gusts may reach **upwards of 25 mph**. Locally drier air will settle throughout the Panhandle and Big Bend through the forecast period, with relative humidities dipping to **near critical thresholds (30-40%)** each afternoon. Given the expanding and worsening drought across the region, **elevated wildfire conditions** are expected.

The large dome of high pressure over the area will bring a warming trend in temperatures to well-above normal levels for this time of year. Highs will climb into the lower to middle 80s across all of interior Florida through Sunday, increasing into the middle to upper 80s on Monday and Tuesday. A few locations throughout Northeast Florida and along the I-75 corridor will likely approach the **lower 90s** come early next week. Cooler temperatures will reside along the East Coast due to breezier winds, as well as along the Panhandle coastline.

Low temperatures will fall into the middle 50s to lower 60s each night across North Florida, lower to middle 60s in Central Florida, and middle 60s to lower 70s in South Florida. Given clear skies and calm winds each night, areas of **patchy fog and low clouds** will begin to return to North Florida each night and early morning. The greatest chances for **locally dense fog** are across Northeast Florida Saturday, Sunday, and Monday morning before shifting towards the Panhandle and Big Bend beginning Tuesday morning. **Dense Fog Advisories** cannot be ruled out and will be issued as conditions warrant.



**Hydrology & Flooding:**

There is no risk for flash flooding across Florida in the next 5 days. Mostly dry conditions will prevail with little rainfall expected. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) [website](#).

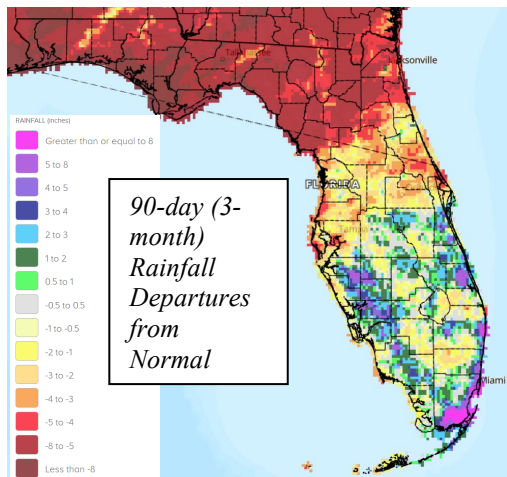


There are no riverine or coastal flooding concerns across Florida. Many waterways throughout the state remain well below normal due to ongoing drought. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Water levels may approach **Action Stage (bank-full)** within the tidal St. Johns River early this weekend due to trapped tides. As onshore winds begin to relax, the elevated water levels will also begin to subside as well. A **Coastal Flood Statement** is in effect for the upper Florida Keys for instances of **nuisance saltwater flooding** near and during times of high tide today.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.13 feet, which is within the operational band and 1.99 feet below normal for this time of year.

### Drought & Fire Weather:



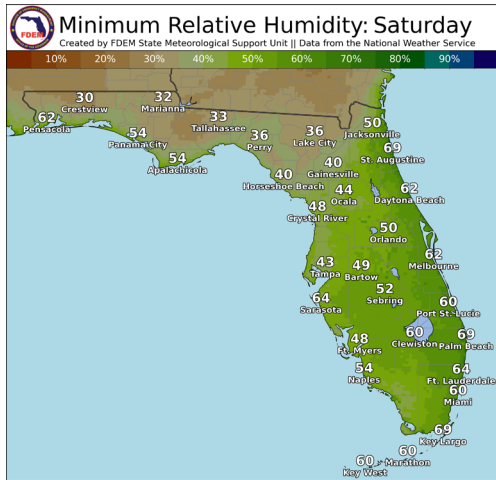
Although it was a rather wet start to the week across much of the Florida Peninsula, very little improvements were introduced on this week's Drought Monitor update. A general 1-3" of rainfall fell throughout Central and South Florida since last update, with some localized areas picking up 5-8" of rainfall, especially along the immediate East Coast. These rainfall totals have improved some of the short-term drought indicators, such as KBDI and 30-60 day rainfall departures, though were not enough to provide real relief to the long-term drought and seriously dry soil moisture conditions. An **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** remains in place throughout much of South Florida, the exception being the immediate Southeast coastline where a general **moderate (level 1 of 4) to severe drought (level 2 of 4)** are found. There were no additional changes throughout Central Florida where a **moderate (level 1 of 4) to severe drought (level 2 of 4)** remains along the I-4 corridor and through the Orlando metropolitan area and **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** elsewhere. Throughout North Florida, **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** expanded to include the remainder of the Big Bend region and much of the Suwannee River Valley. Although there were some light rain totals throughout North Florida, it was only in very localized pockets that exceeded 2"+. Rainfall departures over the past 90 to 120 days (3-4 months) or longer are really driving the persistent drought throughout North Florida. In fact, since September 1 (8 months ago), Tallahassee has found itself in a rainfall deficit nearly 20 inches below normal! About 11 inches of rain has been tallied up since Sept 1, 2025 in Tallahassee, which is 5 inches below the previous record over a similar stretch. Record low streamflows and bone dry soils/grounds have resulted in the additional exceptional drought expansion this week. Many retention ponds, lakes, streams, and even rivers have begun to completely dry up.

Looking ahead, unfortunately a very dry and warm stretch of weather is expected through at least the next week as high pressure settles overhead and allows for mostly sunny skies. Additional drought expansion is expected throughout North Florida on next week's update, though there could be some drought reduction throughout Central and South Florida given lots of rainfall since the Tuesday cutoff time for this week's update.

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As a dome of high pressure settles over the region through the forecast period, chances of rain will return to near zero. Still, relative humidities will remain above critical thresholds throughout the Peninsula where recent heavy rainfall has brought some soil moisture and vegetation improvements. Ongoing drought will still encourage at least **sensitive wildfire conditions** statewide through the forecast period. Winds will remain elevated across the Peninsula each afternoon, with winds gusts **upwards of 25-30 mph** expected, with the highest winds along the immediate Atlantic coast. A locally greater wildfire risk is expected across the Panhandle and Big Bend through Tuesday where a local **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** paired with **near critically low relative humidities (30-40%)** will encourage **elevated wildfire conditions**. A locally greater risk cannot be ruled out should winds also remain elevated across the area, though as of right now wind gusts should remain near or below 20 mph. Areas of **patchy fog**

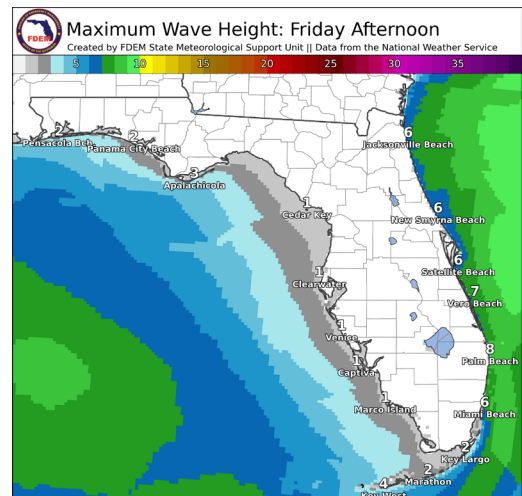
are also expected throughout Northeast Florida beginning tonight and shifting towards the Panhandle Monday night. Areas of **locally dense fog** may significantly reduce visibilities in the vicinity of active wildfires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 55 wildfires across the state burning approximately 5,654 acres (as of 9:00 AM EDT).

### Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

Dangerous beach and swimming conditions are expected to persist along the East Coast through the weekend and into early next week as surf is slow to diminish and winds remain oriented onshore. A **high risk for rip currents** will last through the forecast period along the East Coast and swimming is discouraged at all local Atlantic beaches. Northeast Florida beaches may return to a **moderate risk** by Tuesday as winds orient themselves in a less onshore direction and surf decreases. A **high risk for rip currents** is also expected at local Panhandle beaches, with a brief return to a **moderate risk** expected on Saturday. Along the West Coast of Florida, a low risk for rip currents can be expected.

The sea state along the East Coast will be slow to diminish through the forecast period with elevated surf expected to last at least through Tuesday. Waves today will reach near **6-8'** along the East Coast and **High Surf Advisories** remain in effect through tonight. Surf will decrease back down to **5-7'** Saturday and Sunday and eventually **3-5'** on Monday and Tuesday. The largest surf will surge southward along the coast, eventually reaching the Florida Keys early next week. Waves near **4-6'** will reach the lower to middle Florida Keys this weekend and linger through early next week. Along all Panhandle beaches, surf of **2-4'** today will briefly subside back down to 1-2' on Saturday before southerly winds increase and waves return to near **2-4'** through Tuesday. West Coast beaches can expect surf around 1'.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) dashboard shows there have been 64 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **Moderate levels** have been observed in numerous locations along the edge of Lake Okeechobee, the St. Johns River (both upper and lower), the Peach River, Lake Thonotosassa, and Lake Avalon in the Big Cypress Swamp.



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Have a wonderful weekend!

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