



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, April 25, 2026



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 2: Partial Activation



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Response Regional Coordination Team



Team	County Location	Visits
Region 1: Jim Roberts	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Out of Region	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Kevin Blom	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Hernando	Hurricane Expo 4/26
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Not Available	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	In Region	Off & Monitoring

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

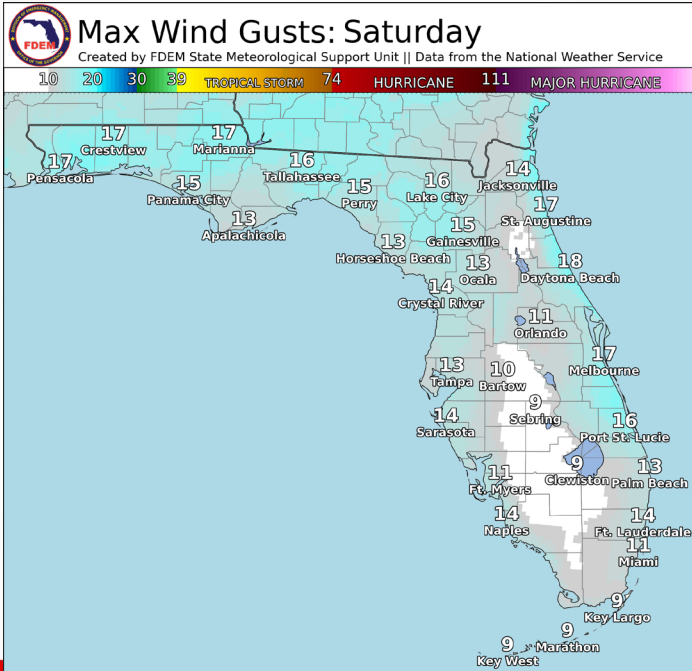
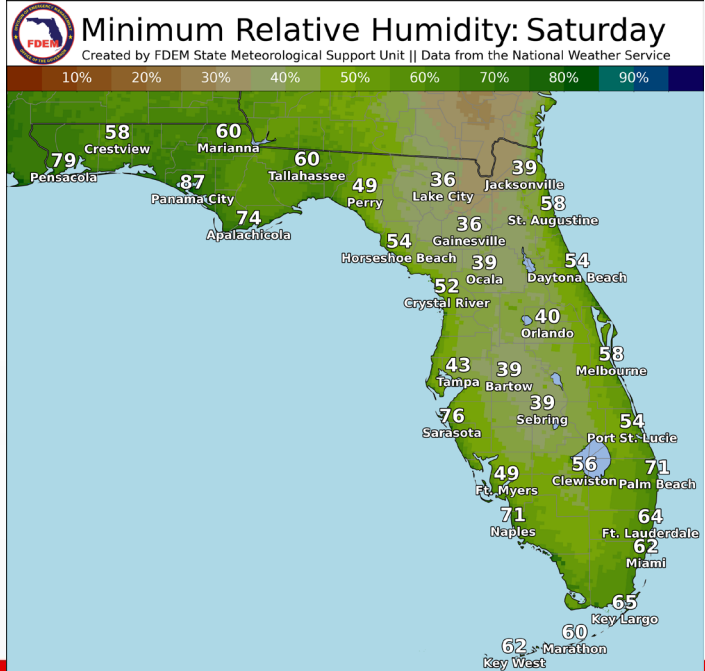
Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable



Meteorology Summary

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)	M	M	M	L	L	M	M	L	L	L
Wildfire	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Rip Currents	H	M	M	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.81 ft. (1.95 ft. <u>Below Normal</u>)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	513 (+6) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									

Today's Weather Map



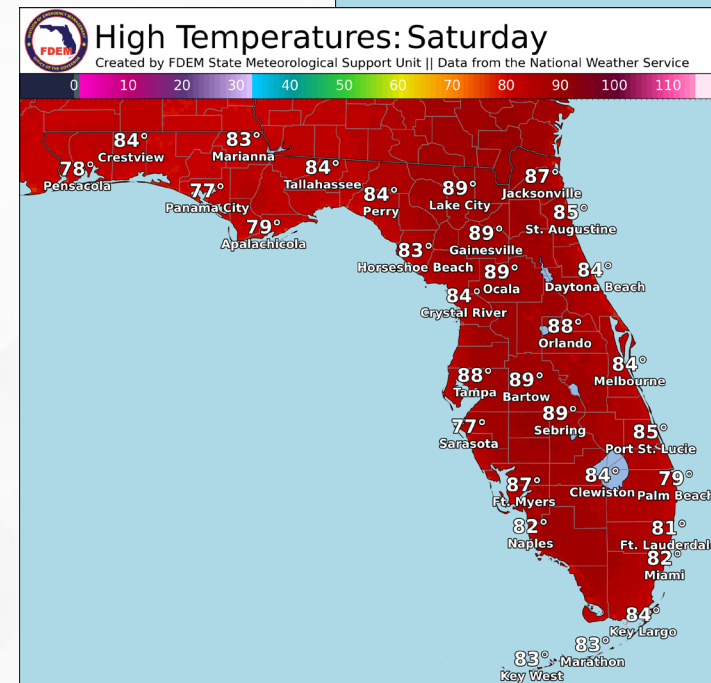
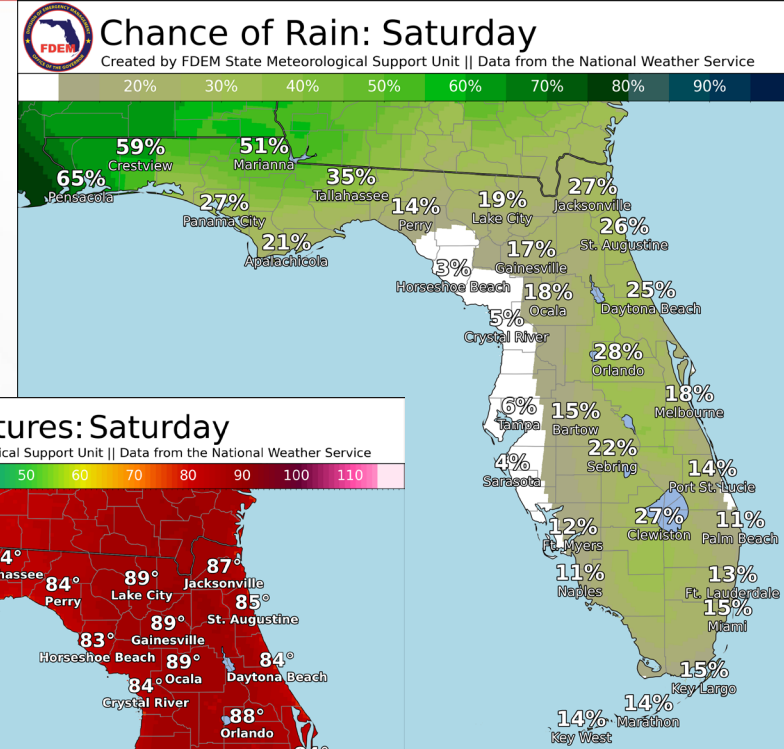


Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Rain chances will gradually increase over the next few days as a weak cold front moves into the region. A complex of thunderstorms associated with a small low pressure disturbance ahead of the front could move into the western Panhandle this morning before dissipating over the Gulf. Some of these storms could be strong with gusty winds and brief downpours. Otherwise, rain and storm activity across the state is expected to be isolated to widely scattered in nature during the afternoon and evening hours as increased moisture and instability combine with daytime heating and seabreeze boundaries. No severe weather is expected and rainfall amounts should be light, but thunderstorms with occasional lightning and brief gusty winds cannot be ruled out. Many areas of the State may miss out on rain completely, thus partly cloudy skies and warm conditions are forecast to continue statewide.

A few lingering light showers are possible tonight along the East Coast, but calm winds and the increased moisture could allow for another round of **patchy fog development** across North Florida and interior portions of Central and South Florida overnight. This fog, if mixed with smoke from nearby wildfires, could result in isolated pockets of highly reduced visibility on roadways.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Lingering ocean swells will continue a **moderate** to **high risk for rip currents** for most East Coast and Panhandle beaches today. A low risk is outlooked along the West Coast, western Panhandle and far Southeast Florida. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will continue to diminish statewide, with waves less than **2'**.

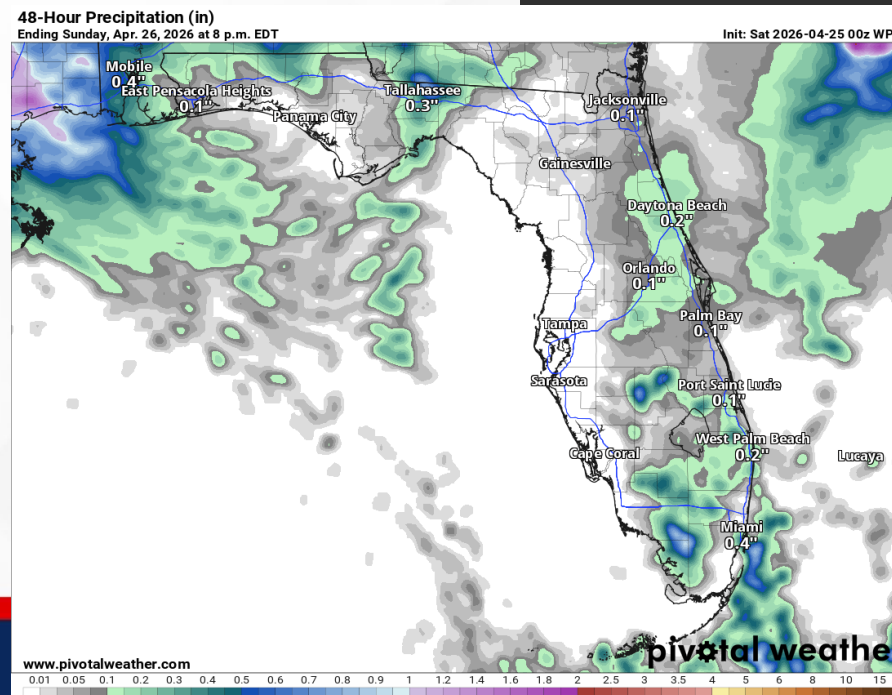
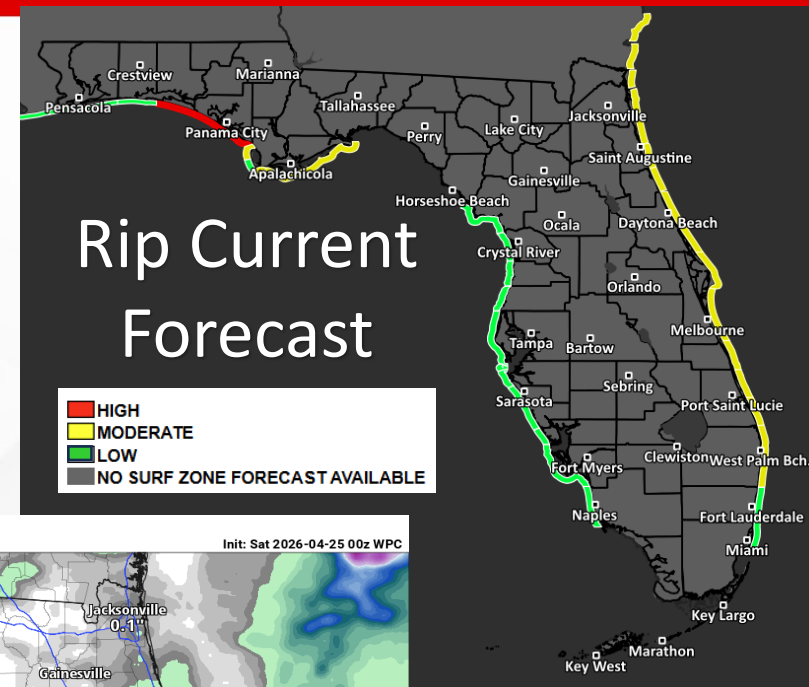
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations offshore Lee, Okaloosa, Escambia, and Gulf counties (valid 4/17/26).

Coastal Flooding: There is no risk for coastal flooding today.

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today as most of any storm activity will be brief in nature.

Riverine Flooding: There are no riverine concerns across Florida. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](http://www.pivotalweather.com).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.81 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.95 feet below normal for this time of year.



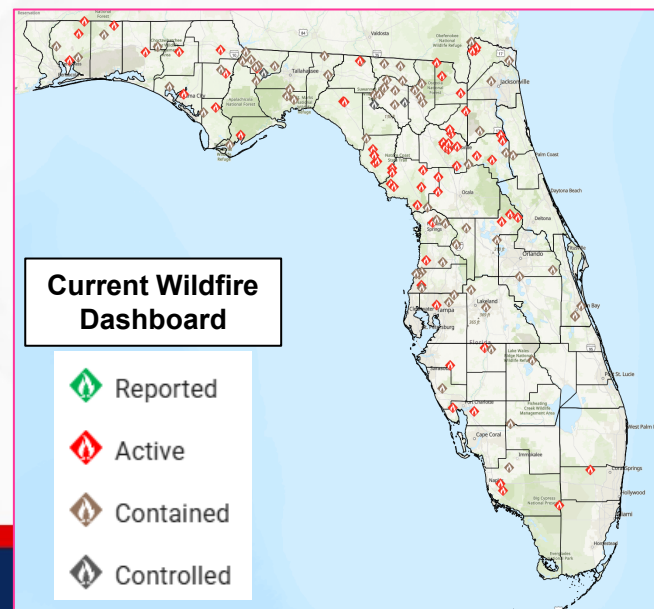
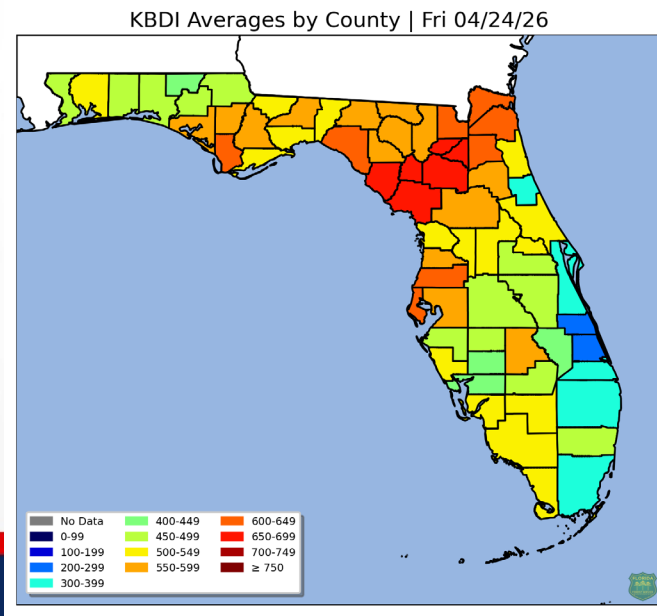
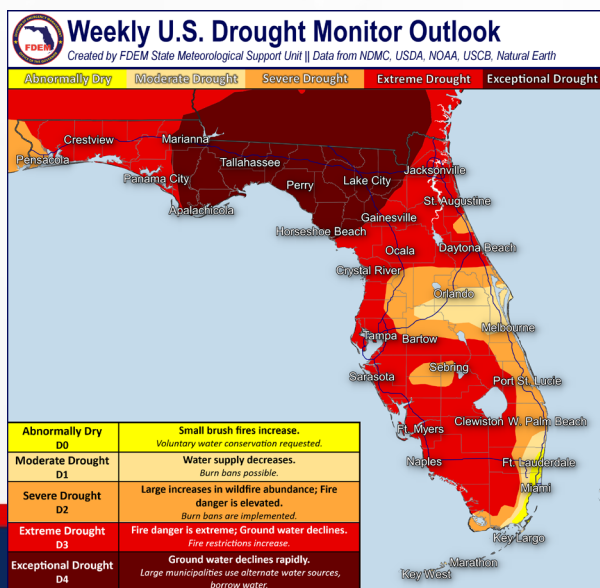


Drought & Fire Weather

•Fire Weather: **Elevated wildfire conditions** will persist today statewide despite the increased chances for rain and relative humidity values. Although humidity values will gradually increase, relative humidity values in the 38-48% range across the North and Central Peninsula combined with south to southeast winds of 5-15 mph and gusts to 20 mph will still hamper some containment efforts and allow new fires to start. Any thunderstorms that develop today could contain occasional lightning strikes which can *spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones*. Tonight, areas of **patchy fog** may develop again across North Florida and interior portions of the Peninsula which can significantly reduce visibilities in the vicinity of active wildfires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 121 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 26,172 acres.

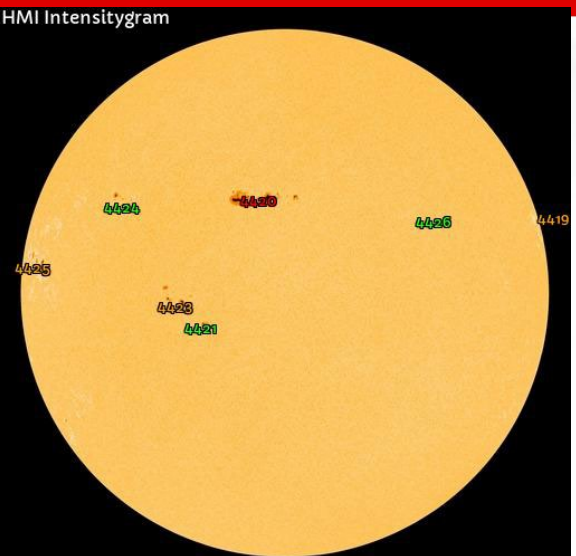
Drought (4/23/26): A **severe to extreme drought (level 2-3 of 4)** is still observed throughout most of South Florida. Across Central Florida, some slight expansion of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** was added across Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco counties. In North Florida, the **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** was expanded westward into Jackson County as well as a bit more eastward into Alachua, Levy, Bradford, Baker, and Nassau counties. Much of the western Panhandle is also now under an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)**. Rainfall deficits since the beginning of the water year (October 2025) are running 10-15 inches below normal or more across the entirety of North Florida. This has resulted in extremely low streamflows within all river basins, streams, lakes, and ponds. Looking ahead, isolated showers and thunderstorms are possible this weekend, however, the spotty nature of this activity will make it unable to provide much drought relief, though any rainfall will certainly be helpful.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **513 (+6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **44** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

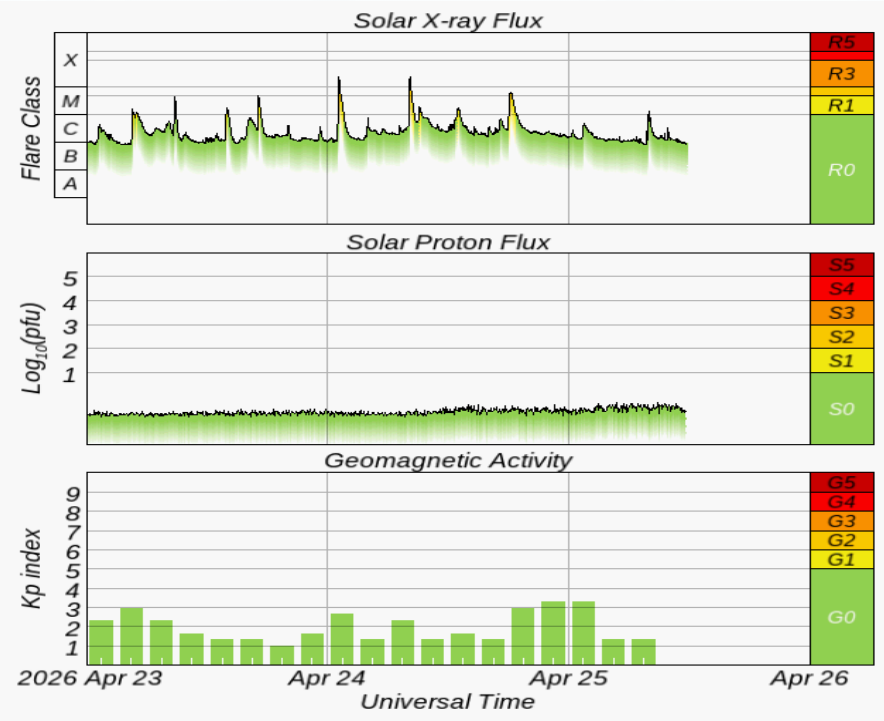
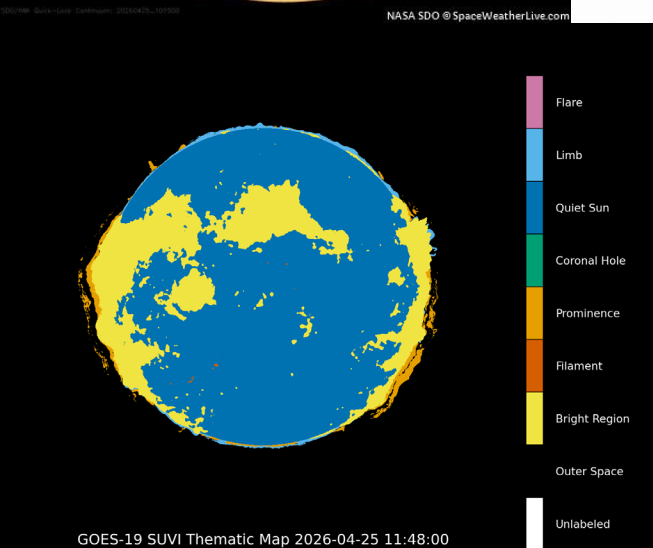




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 75%	Geomagnetic Storm: Yes, G1 Watch	M6 Solar Flare
X-class: 35%	Radiation Storm: None	R2 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
4/25	4/26
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: More strong solar flares have occurred over the past 24 hours. More flares are likely throughout the weekend as sunspots 4419 and 4420 both have magnetic fields that harbor energy for strong flares. Should any strong solar flares develop, minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts would accompany. Minor G1-class geomagnetic storms are possible on April 26th when a CME is expected to graze Earth's magnetic field. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



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SWO Tracker:	https://swo.floridadisaster.org	Operational	
SLERS:	DEM Statewide	Operational	
FNARS:	WGY974	Not Operational	System in Transition
Federal NAWAS:	State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
EMnet Message:	FL.000 - State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
EMnet Voice:	FL SWP - State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
IPAWS:	300006 - FL Florida Division of Emergency Management	Operational	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Not Operational	System in Transition
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Website:	https://floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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