



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, April 26, 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

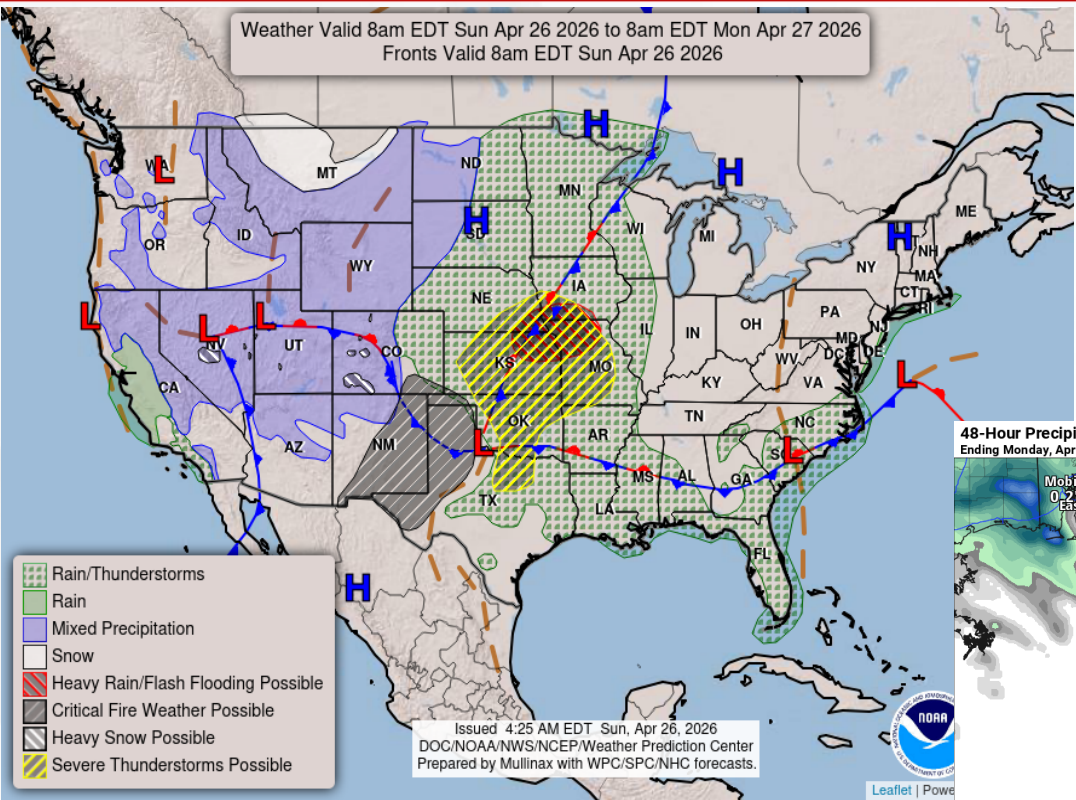
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Out of Region	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Kevin Blom	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
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

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

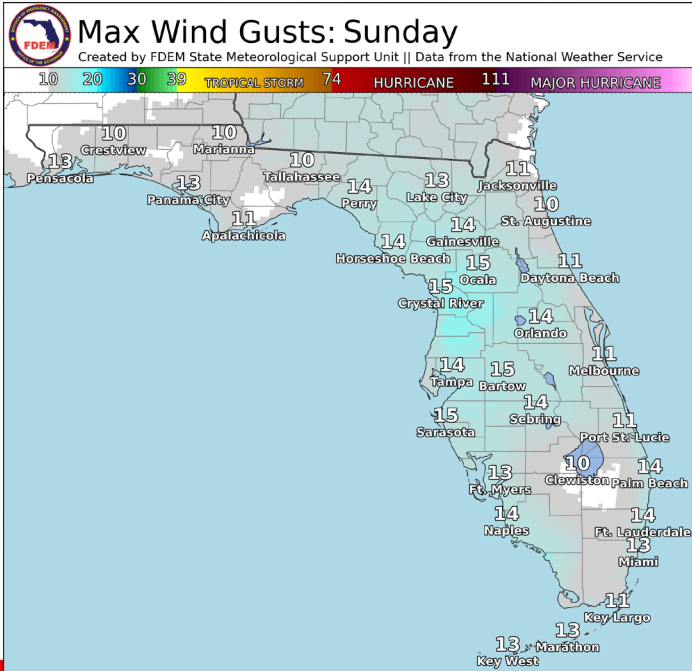
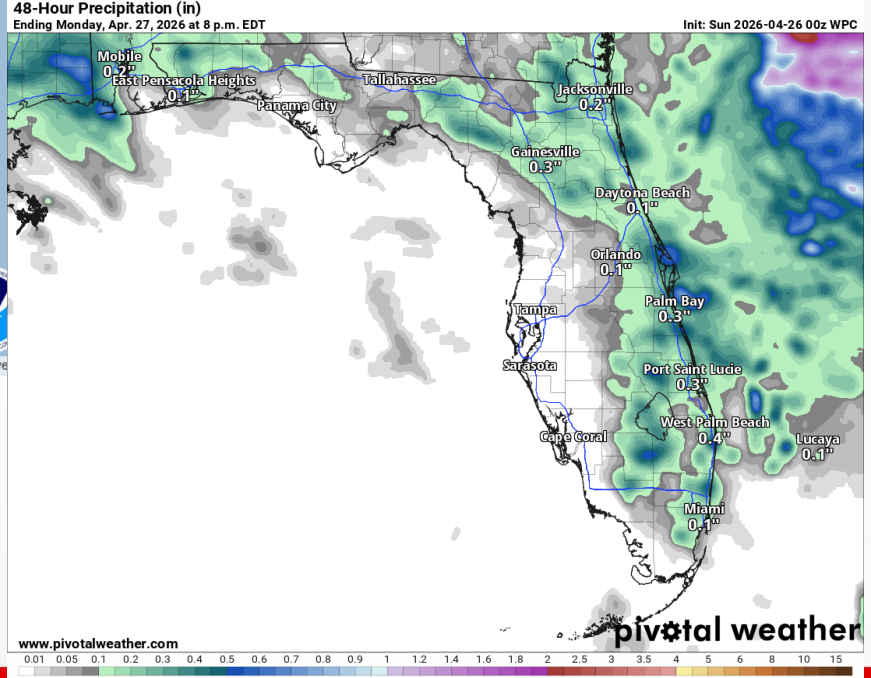


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning			L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)	H	H	M	L	L	H	M	L	H	L
Wildfire	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Rip Currents	L	M	L	L	M	L		L	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.79 ft. (1.95 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	518 (+5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



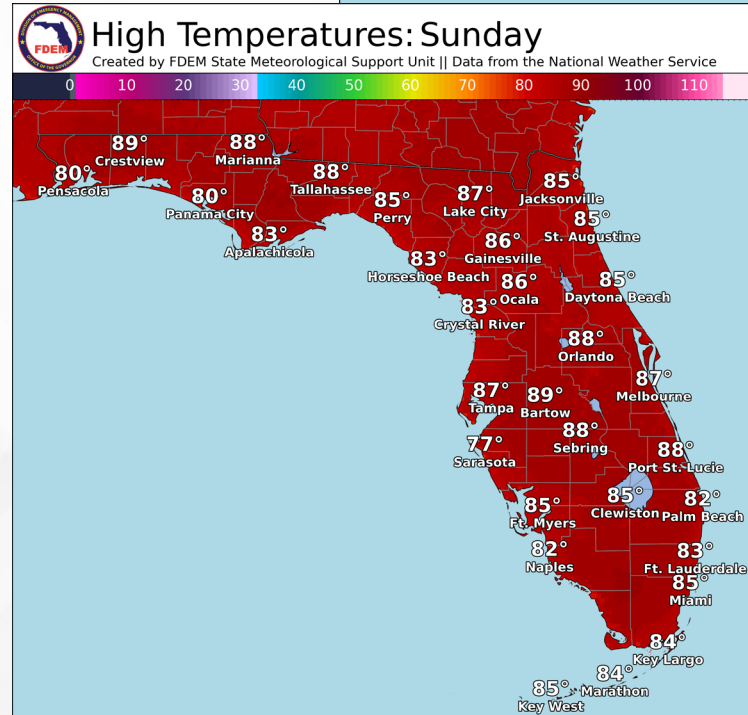
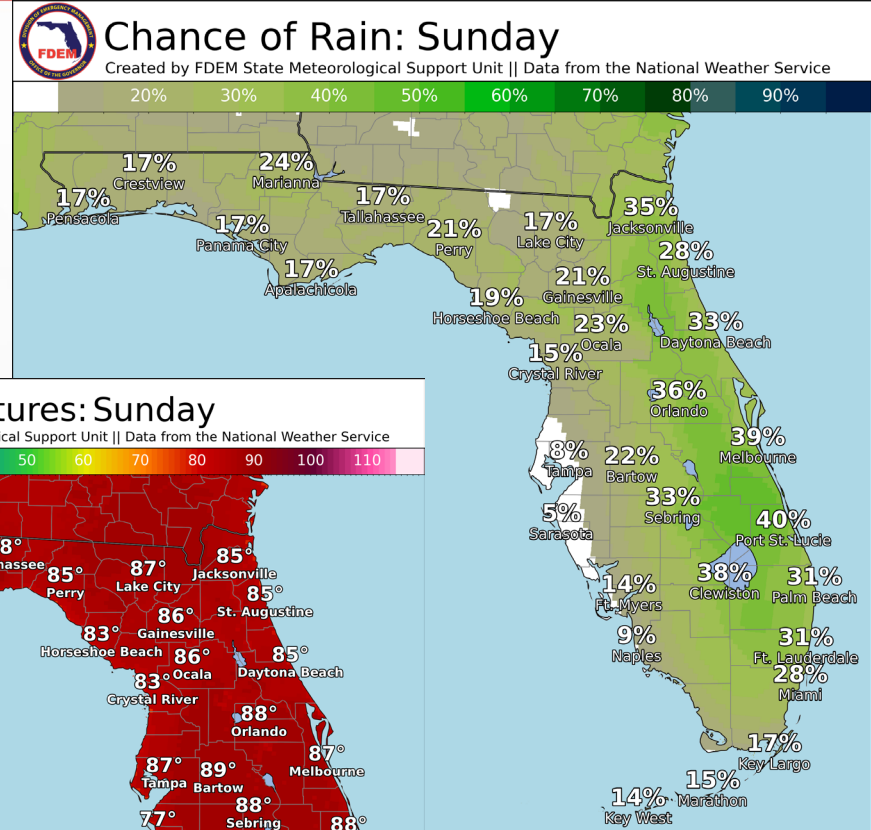


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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another chance for isolated to widely scattered showers and thunderstorms is forecast today as a weak cold front settles near the state line. Winds out of the west to southwest ahead of this front combined with daytime heating will allow for the seabreeze to develop along the Gulf Coast and move inland during the afternoon and evening hours, sparking showers and storms across mainly inland areas. The best chance for rain will be over the eastern half of the Peninsula while the western Peninsula and Panhandle have generally a 25% or less chance for seeing a stray shower. No severe weather is expected and rainfall amounts should be light, but thunderstorms with occasional lightning, gusty winds to 50mph and heavy downpours cannot be ruled out. Otherwise, expect partly cloudy skies and warm conditions with high temperatures in the mid to upper 80s.

A few lingering light showers are possible tonight along the East Coast, but the main concern is that calm winds and the increased moisture could allow for another round of **patchy to dense fog development** along the entire Florida Gulf Coast 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: Light winds and waves will result in a **low to moderate risk for rip currents** Statewide today. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

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

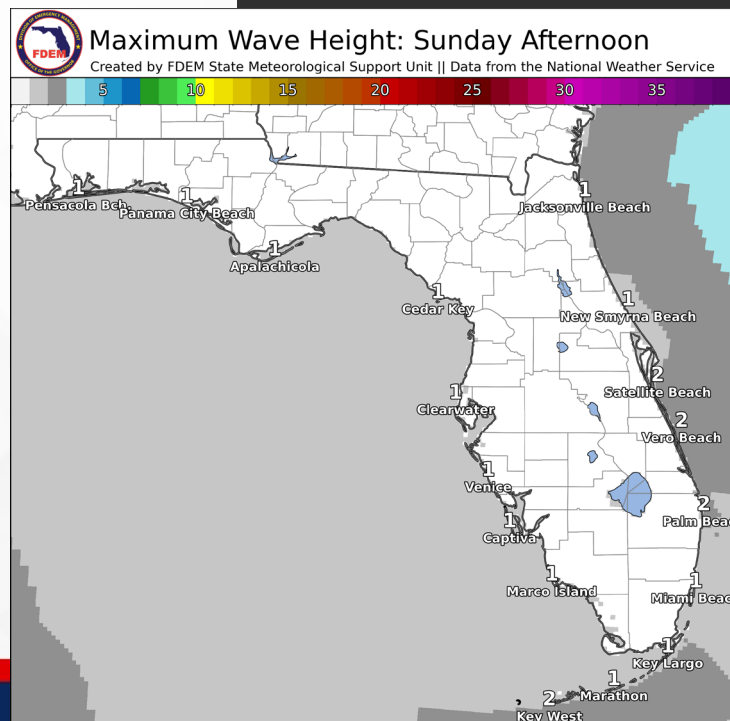
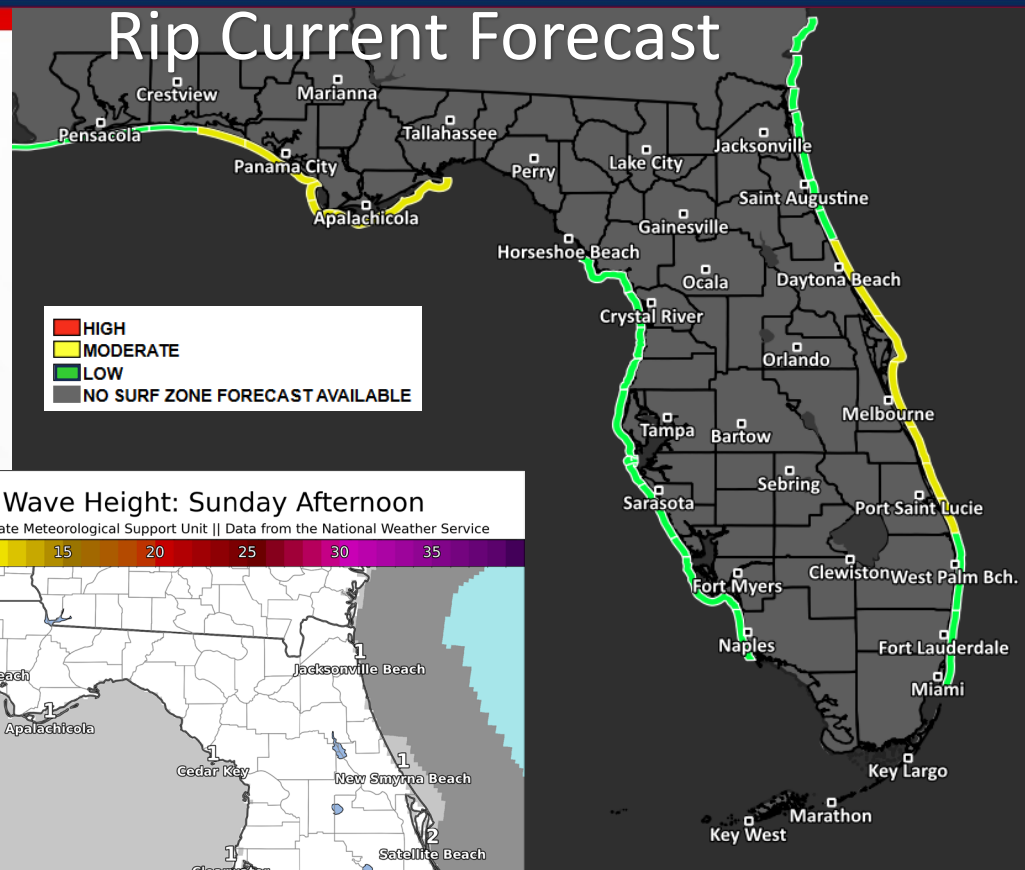
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations offshore Lee, Okaloosa, Escambia, and Gulf counties (valid 4/17/26).

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

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

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.79 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.95 feet below normal for this time of year.



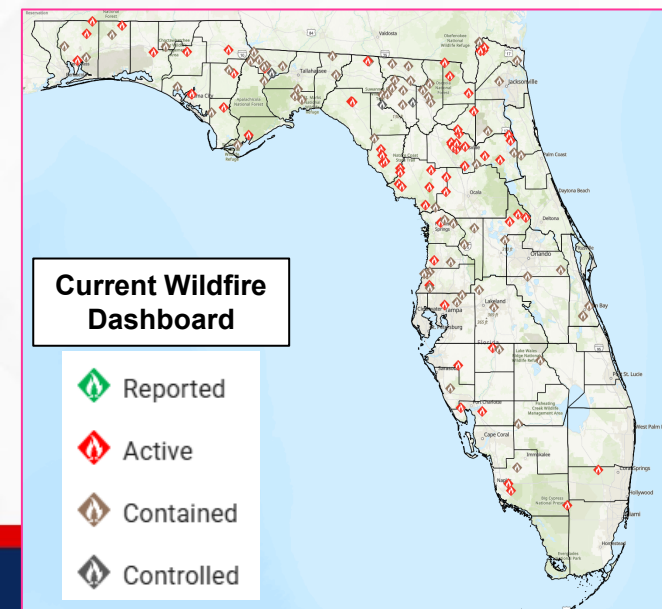
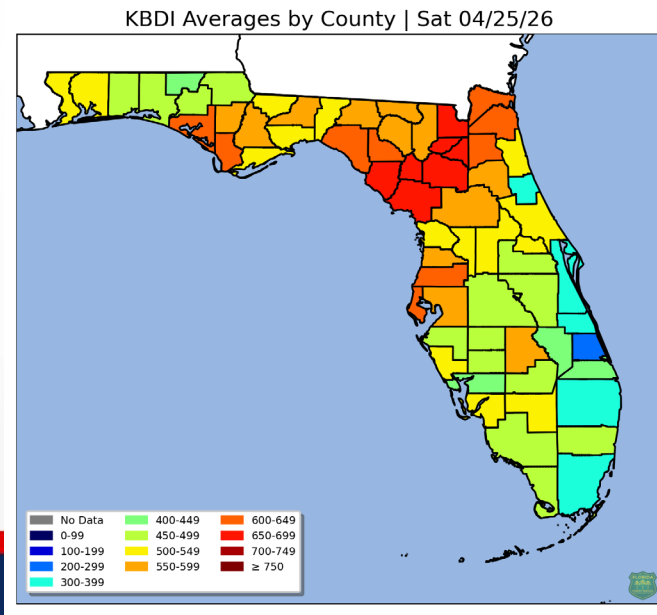
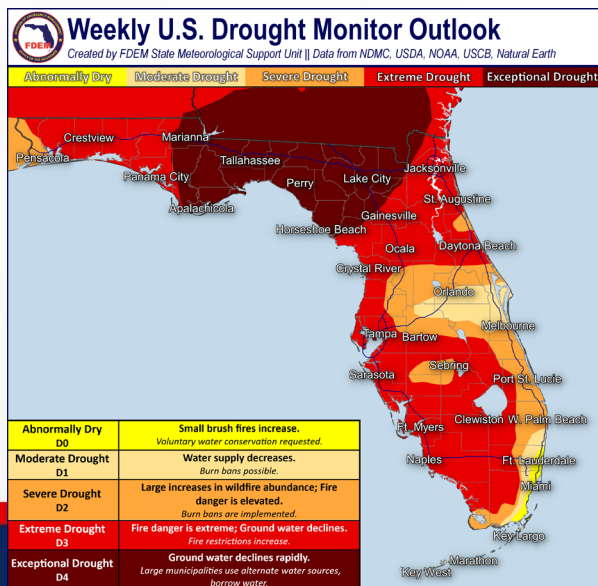


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: **Elevated wildfire conditions** will persist today statewide despite the increased chances for rain and relative humidity values. Humidity values will be in the 45-55% range inland and near 65-70% at the coast with winds out of the west to southwest winds at 5-10 mph with gusts to 20 mph. Any thunderstorms that develop today could contain occasional lightning strikes which can *spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones*. Tonight, areas of **patchy to dense fog** may develop again along the entire Florida Gulf Coast which can significantly reduce visibilities in the vicinity of active wildfires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 112 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 15,246 acres.

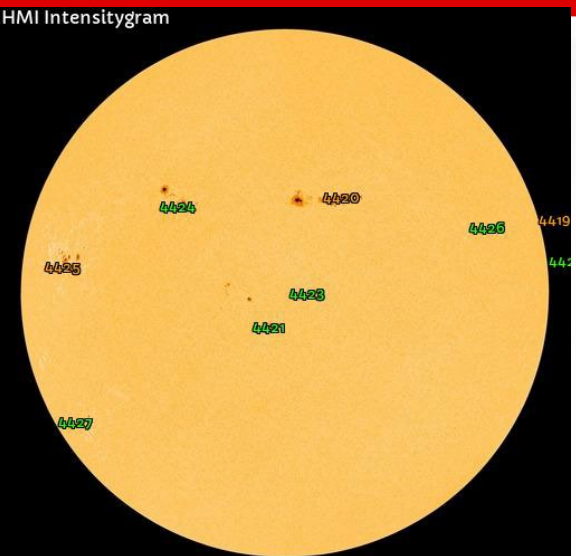
Drought (4/23/26): A **severe to extreme drought (level 2-3 of 4)** is still observed throughout most of South Florida. Across Central Florida, some slight expansion of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** was added across Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco counties. In North Florida, the **exceptional drought (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 **518 (+5)** 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).

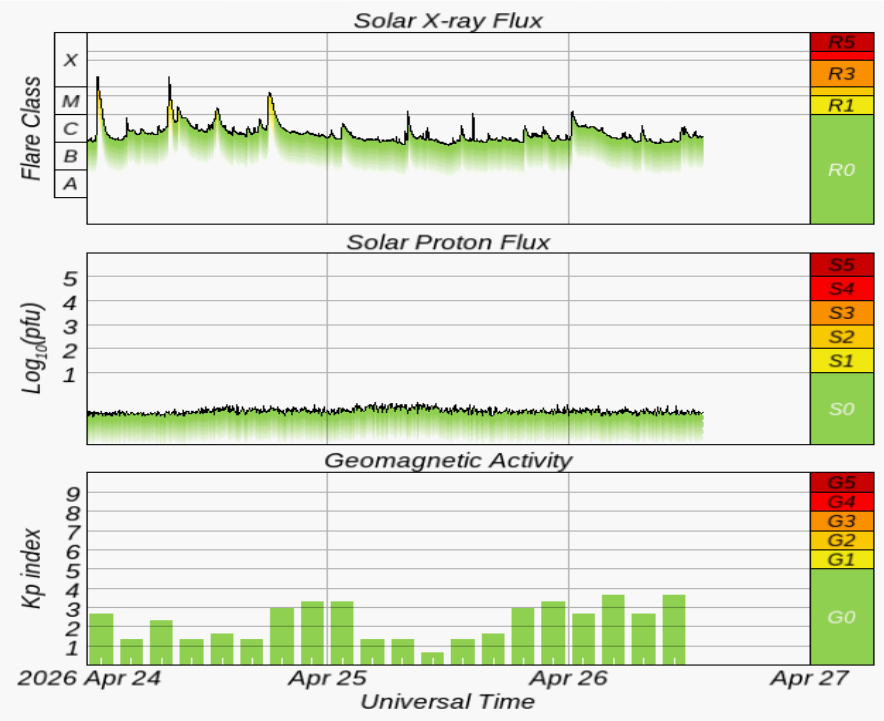




Space Weather



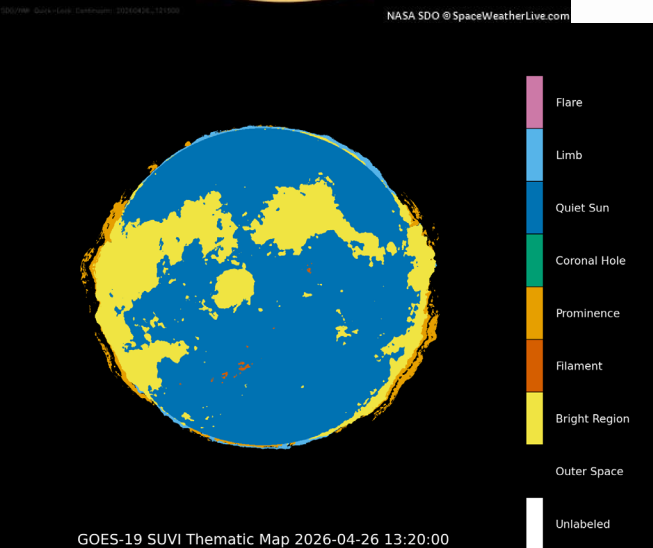
Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 75%	Geomagnetic Storm: Yes, G1 Watch	C3 Solar Flare
X-class: 35%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
4/26	4/27
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, and additional flares are likely over the next few days as sunspot 4420 has a large and strong magnetic field. Should any strong solar flares develop, minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts would accompany. Minor G1-class geomagnetic storms are possible today when a CME is expected to graze Earth's magnetic field, triggering polar region auroras. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-04-26 13:20:00



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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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