



# **Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office**

## **Morning Situation Report**

Monday, April 27, 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	Bay	Firefighter LODD Funeral / County EM Visit
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Jackson	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia, Taylor	Vehicle Maintenance / County EM Visit
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Office Admin / Vehicle Maintenance
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Orange	FTEM Meeting / Disney Overnight FSE
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Office Admin
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	Office Admin
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	County EM Visit
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Quarterly Meeting Prep / Exercise Meetings

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



# Recovery Regional Coordination Team

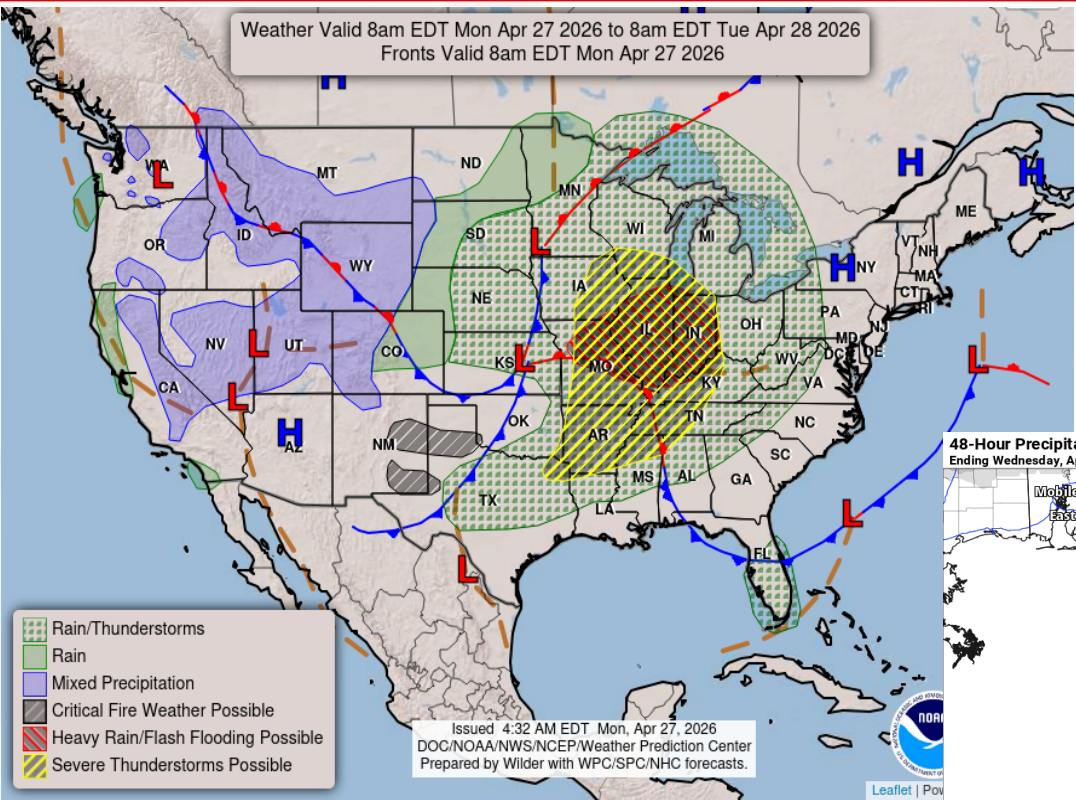
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off/Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Houston AL	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Kevin Blom	In Region	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Orange	O-305 Training
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Not Available	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Regional Recovery Coordination Meeting
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	Miami-Dade	Regional Recovery Coordination Meeting

Region 4 Recovery Coverage Provided By Coordinator 4  
 Region 7 Recovery Coverage Provided By Coordinator 6  
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 Region 9 Recovery Coverage Provided by Coordinator 6

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

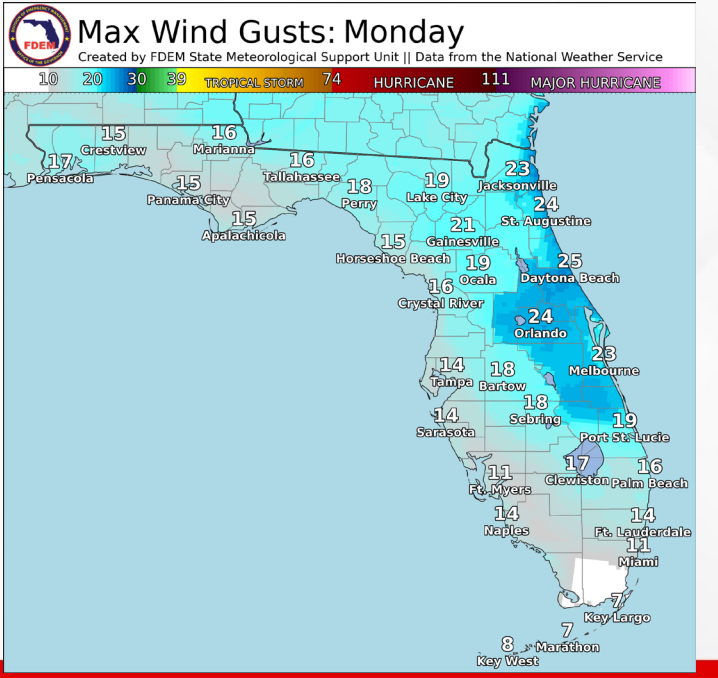
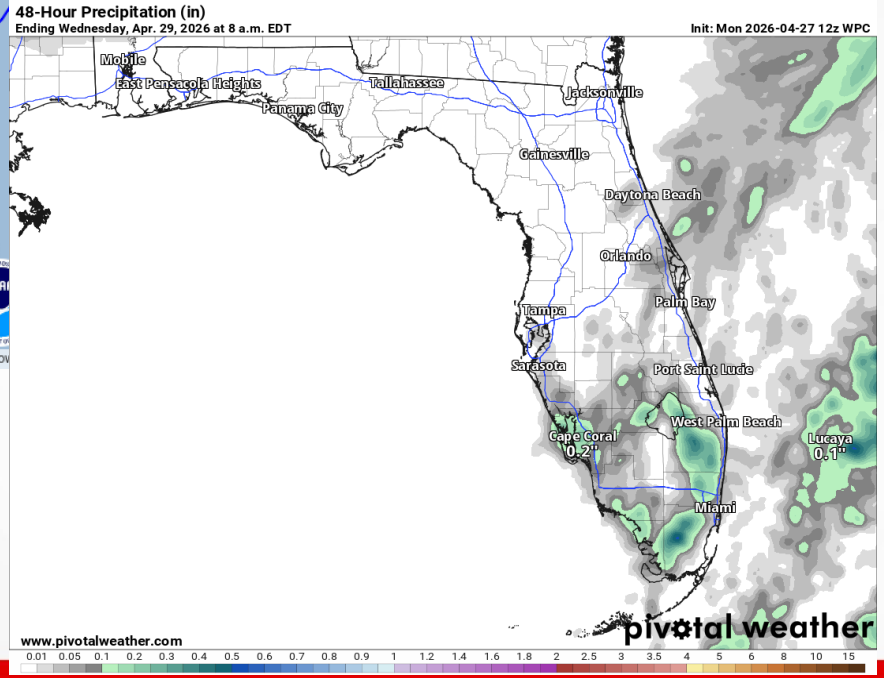


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning					L	L	L	L	M	M
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)	M	L	L	L	L					
Wildfire	M	M	H	H	H	M	M	M	M	M
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	L		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.77 ft. (1.95 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	523 (+5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





# Meteorology Summary

## Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Breezy northeasterly winds along the Florida East Coast will lead to a chance of showers and thunderstorms this afternoon and evening with enhancement of the sea breeze. Locally heavy rainfall and gusty winds are possible with any of these storms along the East Coast and then as they spread further inland toward the Southwest Florida Coast. Elsewhere showers and thunderstorms are not expected across the state.

Dry conditions across the Florida Panhandle and along the Florida West Coast north of Tampa could enhance any wildfire activity that develops this afternoon. Breezy northeasterly winds of 10 to 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph along the Florida East Coast and over inland areas east of the Florida Turnpike could increase the spread of wildfire activity.

Temperatures are expected to be warm, with highs generally in the mid 80s along coastal areas to near 90 degrees over interior portions of the state. Because relative humidity values in the afternoon are expected to be low over interior areas, there are no concerns about excessive heat.

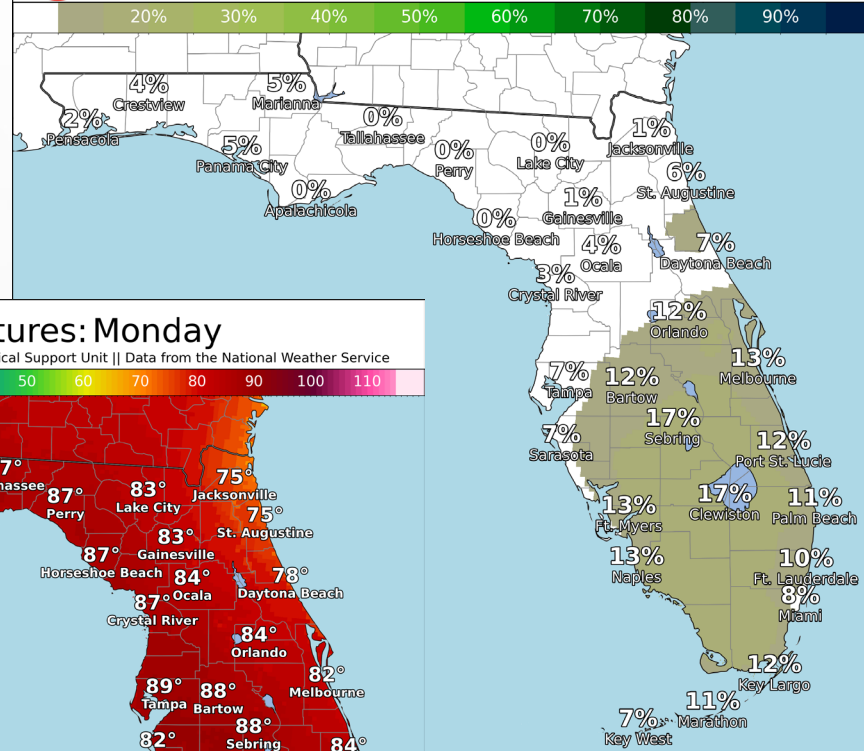
The strong northeasterly flow will create high surf of 3 to 5 feet along the Northeast Florida Coast north of Cape Canaveral. A high risk of rip currents is also forecast for this area Monday afternoon.

Increased moisture levels after sunset will support **patchy fog development** across North Florida and interior portions of Central Florida north of Interstate 4. This fog, if mixed with smoke from nearby wildfires, could result in isolated pockets of highly reduced visibility on roadways.



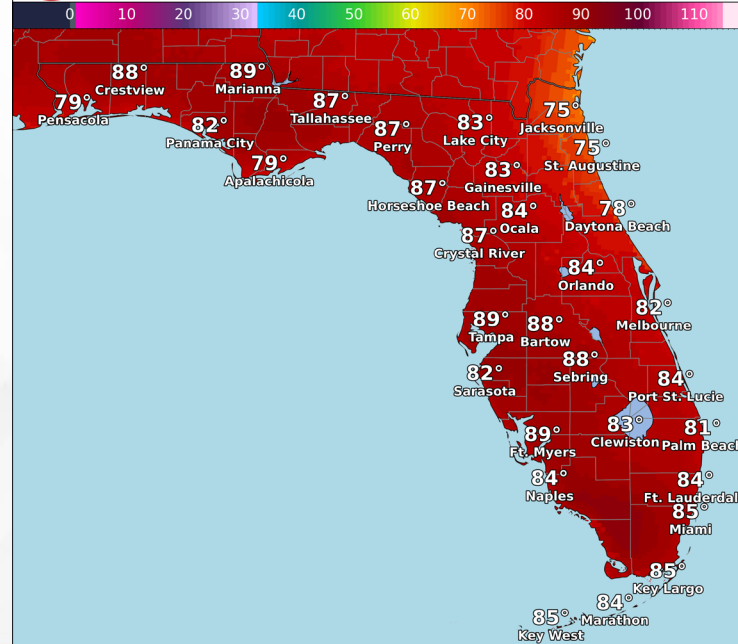
### Chance of Rain: Monday

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### High Temperatures: Monday

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# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** Breezy northeast winds and long period swells will lead to a **high risk** for rip currents along northeast Florida beaches south to the Space Coast. A **moderate risk** is for Panhandle and southeast Florida beaches with a **low risk** for western Florida beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** 3-5 feet along the northeast and east Florida coast and 2 feet or less elsewhere.

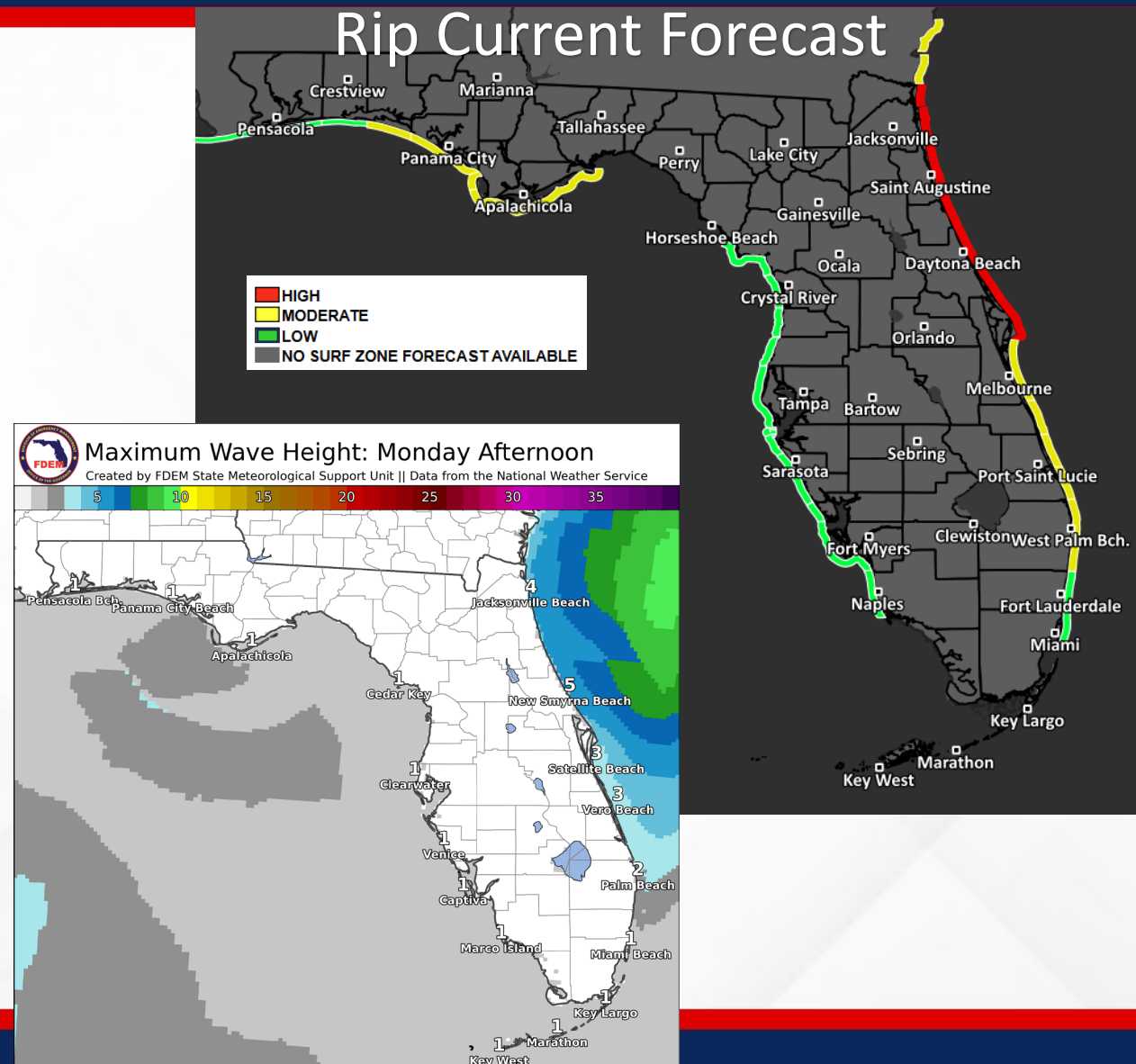
**Red Tide** was observed at background concentrations offshore Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Santa Rosa counties (valid 4/24/26).

**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](#).

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 11.77 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.95 feet below normal for this time of year.



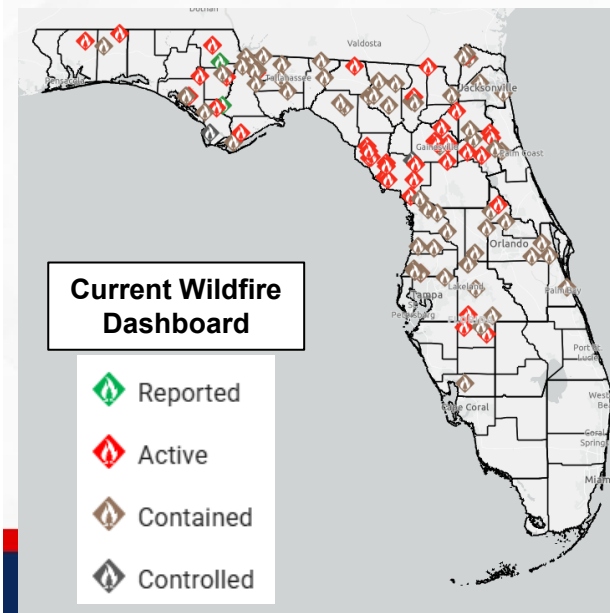
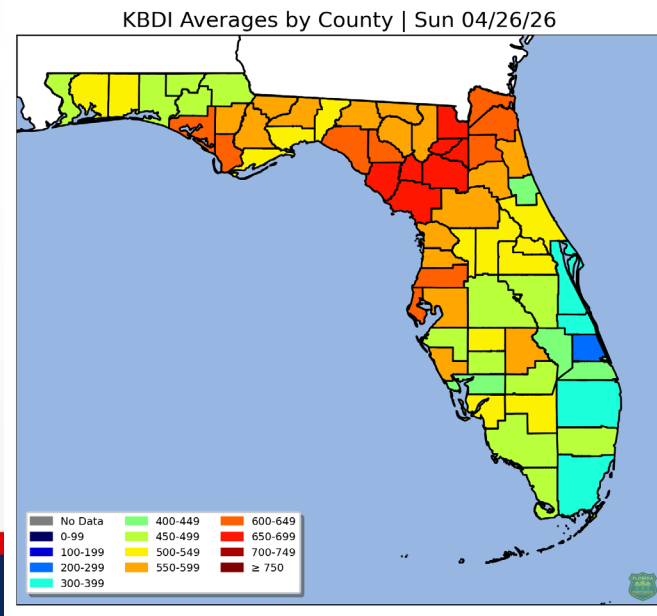
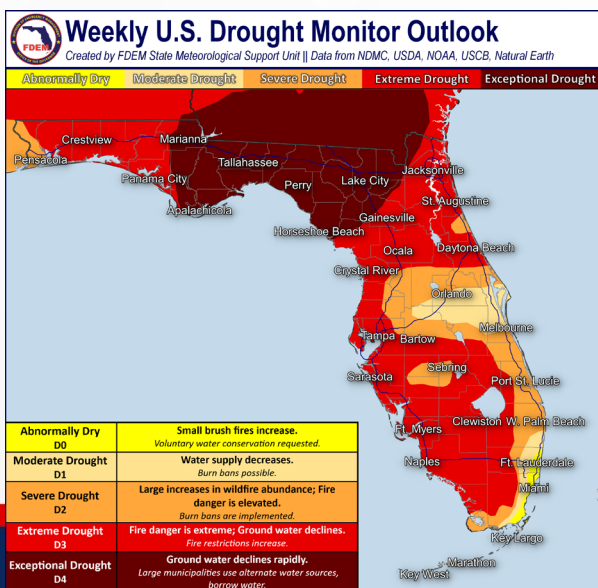


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** **Elevated wildfire conditions** will persist today statewide despite the increased chances for rain and relative humidity values. Relative humidity values in the 33-45% range across the Peninsula combined with northeast to east winds of 5-15 mph and gusts to 25 mph will still hamper some containment efforts and allow new fires to start. Any thunderstorms that develop today, mainly in regions 9 and 10, 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 which can significantly reduce visibilities in the vicinity of active wildfires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 105 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 15,598 acres.

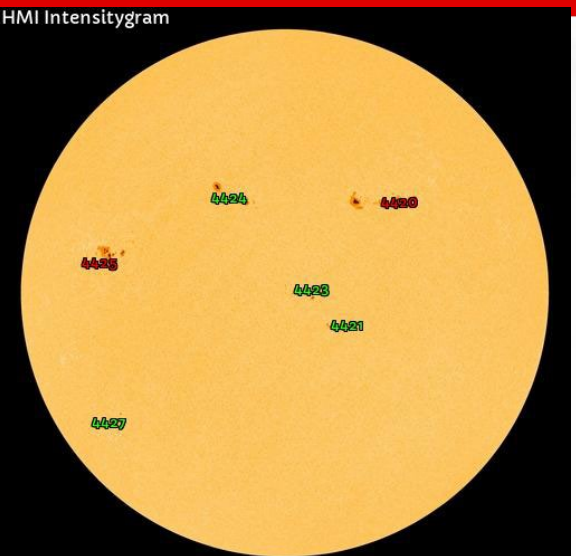
**Drought (4/23/26):** A **severe to extreme drought (level 2-3 of 4)** is still observed throughout most of South Florida. Across Central Florida, some slight expansion of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** was added across Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco counties. In North Florida, the **exceptional 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 **523 (+5)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **45** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

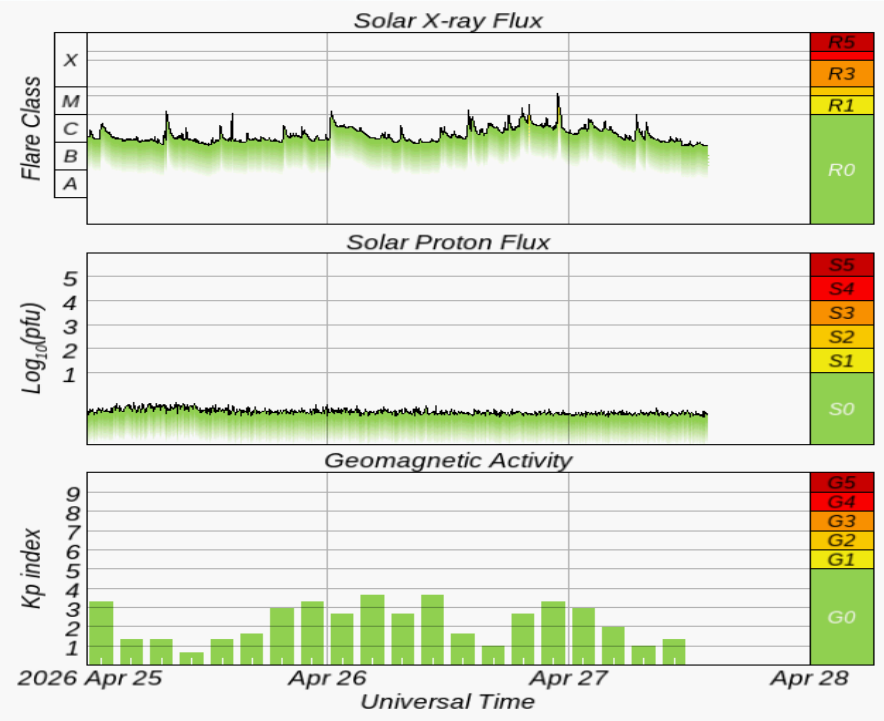




# Space Weather



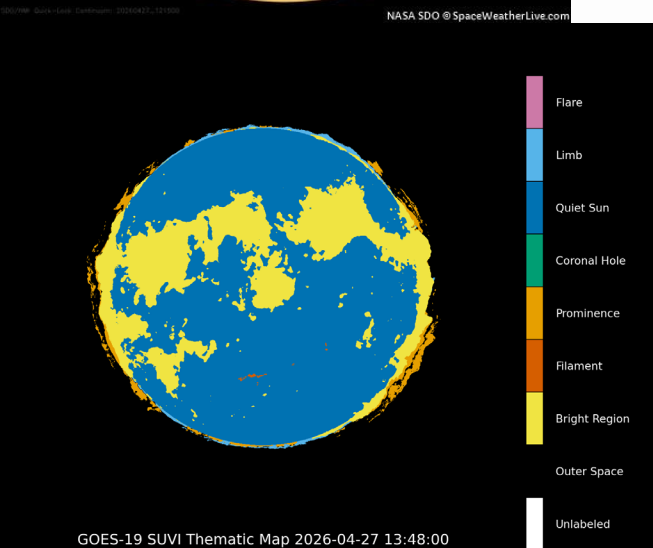
Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 55%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M6 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	R2 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
4/27	4/28
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

**Space Weather:** NOAA forecasters estimate a 55% chance of M-class flares and a 15% chance of X-flares on April 27<sup>th</sup> from sunspots 4420 and 4425 which have unstable magnetic fields. Should any strong solar flares develop, minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts would accompany. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-04-27 13:48:00



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SWO Tracker:	<a href="https://swo.floridadisaster.org">https://swo.floridadisaster.org</a>	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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