



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, July 24, 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	Leon, Marion	Logistics Support - Travel Trailer Movement
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon, Marion	Logistics Support - Travel Trailer Movement
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Leon, Marion	Logistics Support - Travel Trailer Movement
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Count EM Meeting / AHIMT Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole, Orange, Volusia	County EM Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Exercise Documentation Admin
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Quarterly Meeting Prep / Performance Evaluation Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	FFCA Presentation Prep

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6, 9

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Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Washington	F-ROC Review
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Marion	Trailer Movement
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Leon	HQ RV Trailer Transport
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	EM Directors Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Out of Region	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Out of Region	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 10: Brian Lee	Broward	Professional Development

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

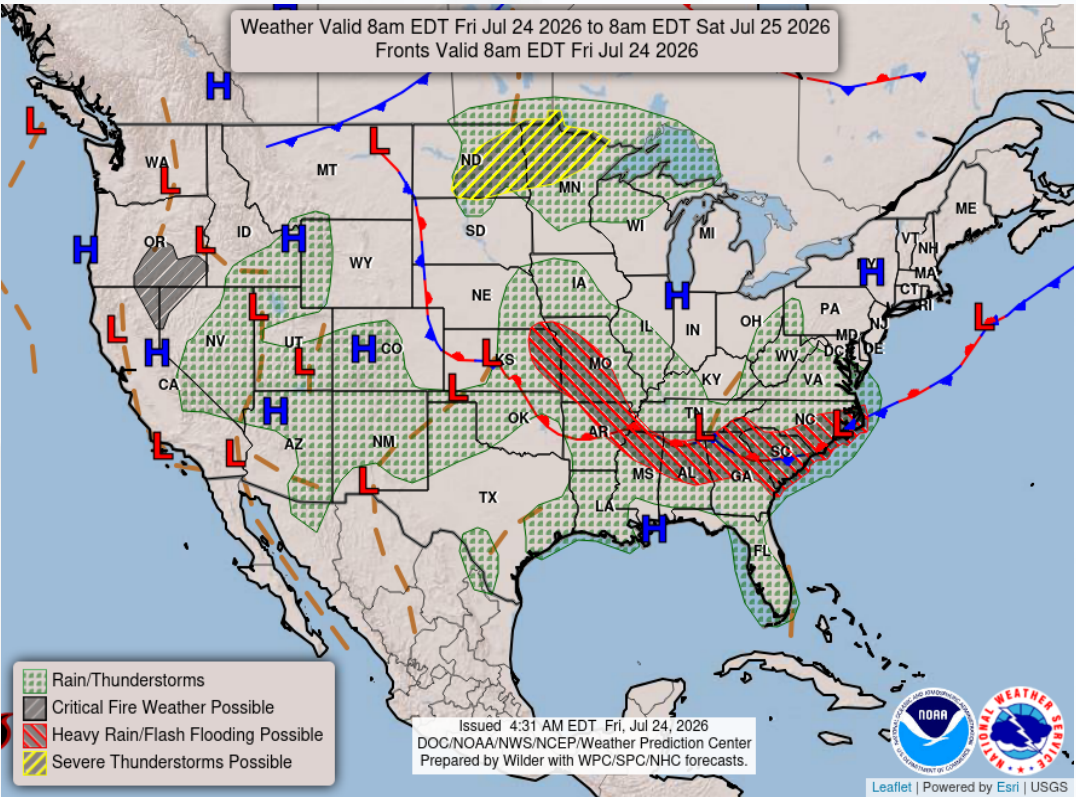
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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

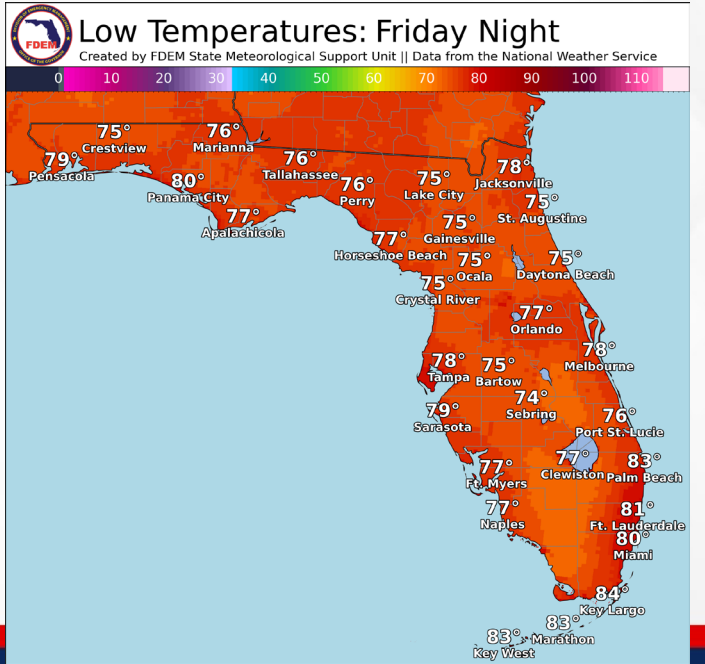
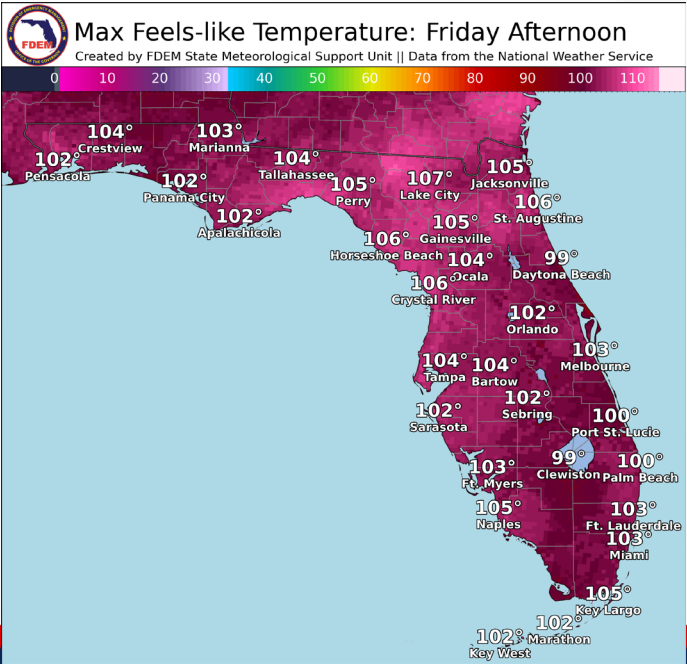


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning		L	L	L		L	M	M	H	M
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat	M	M	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	L
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire			L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	H	H	M	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.88 ft. (2.80 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	369 (+12) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





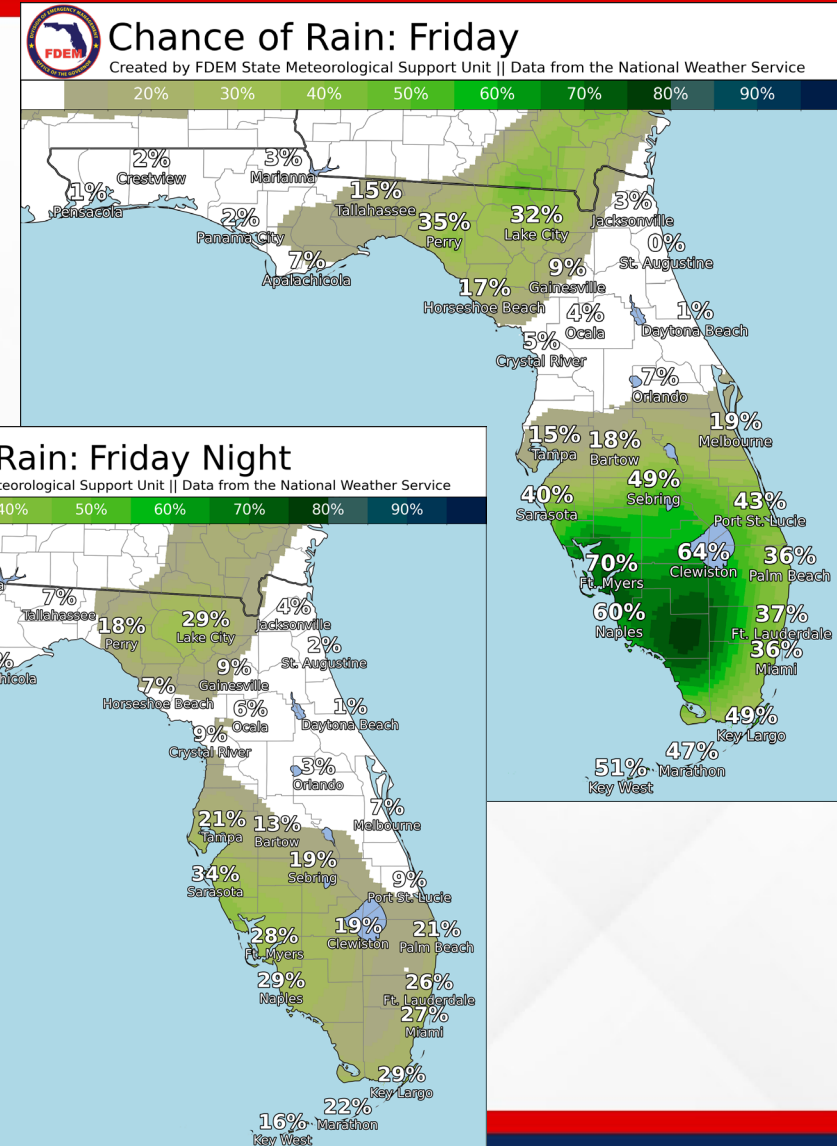
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Area of high pressure centered over the northern tier of the Sunshine State will continue to suppress most shower and thunderstorm activity today across North and Central Florida this afternoon. The sea breezes will advance inland and collide across the eastern Big Bend and Suwannee River Valley this afternoon where just enough moisture may be present for some isolated to widely scattered showers and storms (15-35% chance of rain). Otherwise, mostly sunny and dry conditions will prevail today. Across South Florida, easterly flow on the southern periphery of high pressure will continue to filter in seasonal moisture levels, encouraging scattered to locally numerous showers and thunderstorms this afternoon along the sea breezes as they advance inland (50-75% chance of rain). Although there is no organized risk for severe weather or flash flooding, any thunderstorm could become **locally strong** and capable of producing **frequent lightning**, **gusty winds (40-55 mph)**, and **torrential downpours**.

High temperatures will reach the upper 80s to lower 90s in South Florida today where afternoon cloud coverage and rainfall may limit the extent of the heat. Drier air and ample sunshine will bring highs into the **middle to upper 90s** in North and Central Florida today. Combined with the humidity, feels-like temperatures will soar into the **lower to middle 100s** for most, with localized **upper 100s** possible in Northeast Florida. However, the drier air mass will likely keep heat indices just below Heat Advisory criteria in most locations.

Tonight, any shower or thunderstorm activity across the state will largely dissipate or begin to push offshore after sunset (25-35% chance of rain). A few coastal showers cannot be ruled out towards daybreak Saturday across Southeast Florida (20-30% chance of rain). Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s.

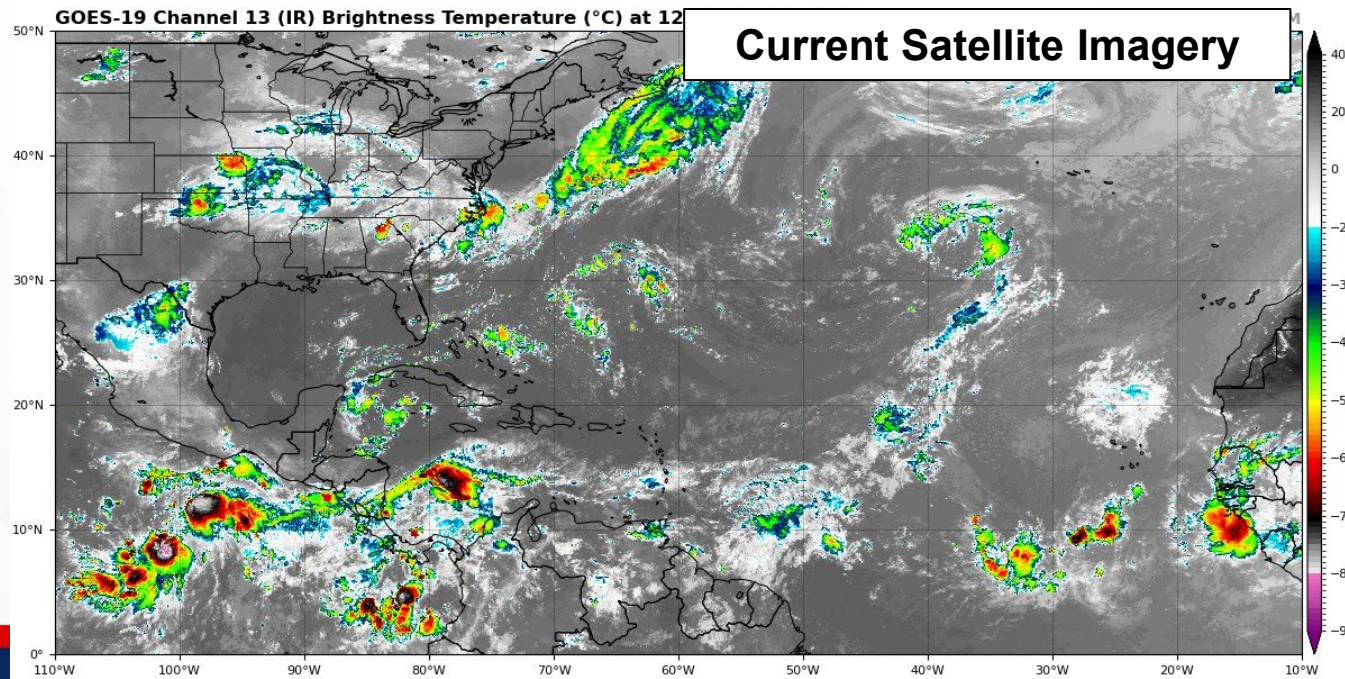
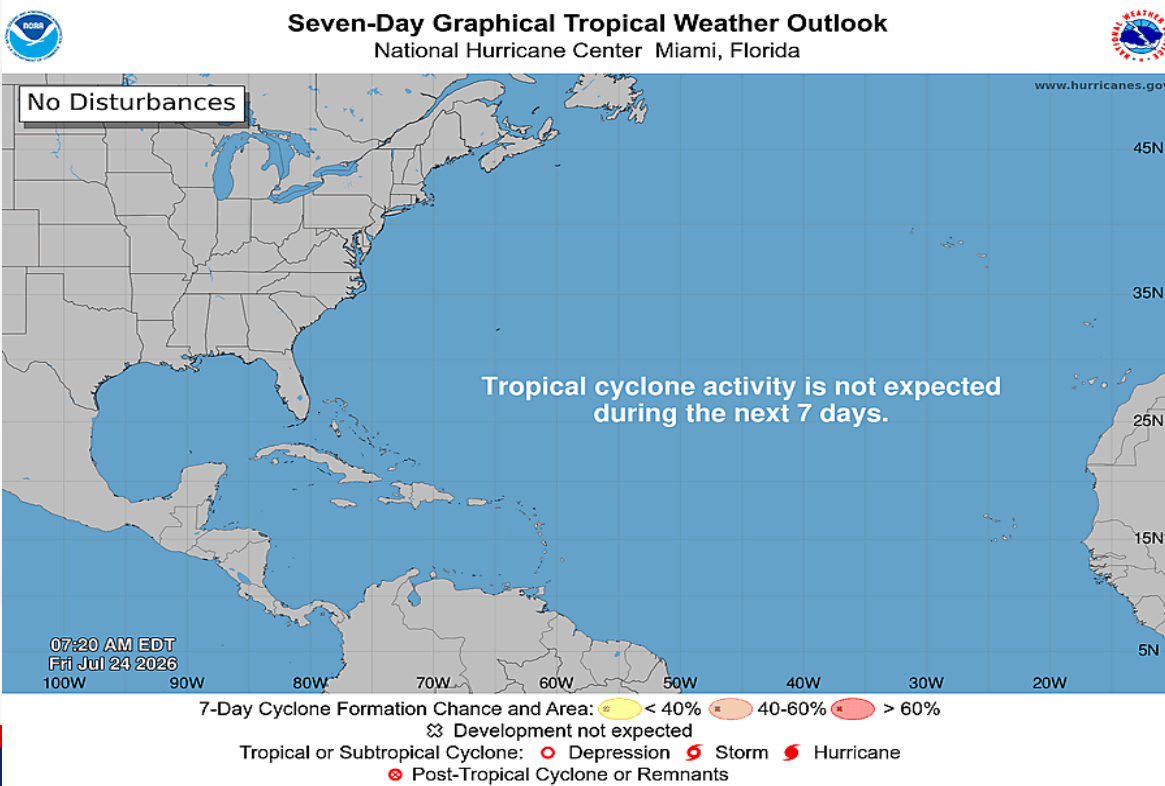




Tropical Weather

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

*Tropical cyclone activity is **not expected** during the next 7 days in the Atlantic.*





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** is outlooked for all Panhandle beaches today as some lingering elevated surf remains. West Coast beaches will return to a low risk today. A **moderate risk for rip currents** persists across most East Coast beaches today with a low risk in Southeast Florida. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will finally diminish for all Gulf-facing beaches today, with most beaches seeing waves near **2-4'**. East Coast beaches will also see surf near **2-4'** this afternoon, with locally calmer surf in Southeast Florida.

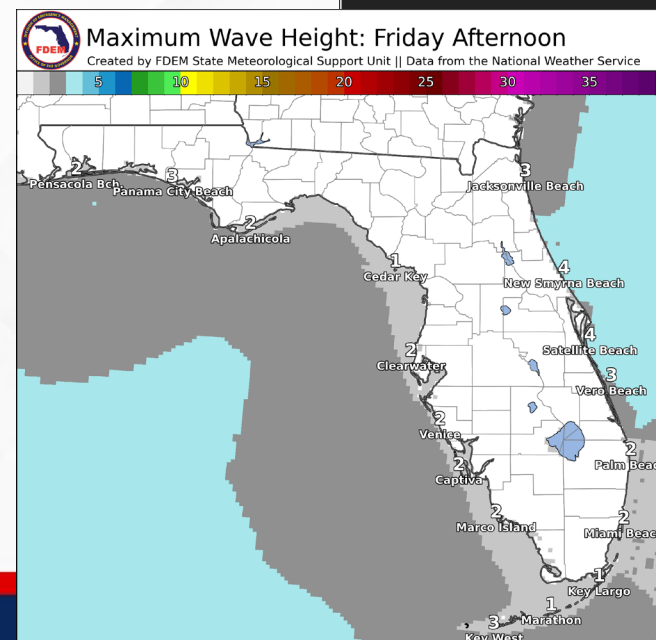
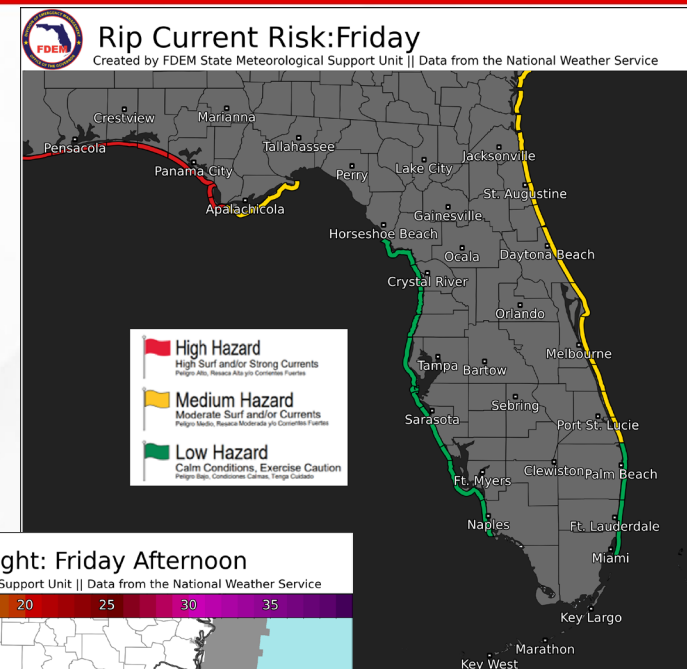
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations from St. Johns County (valid 7/17/26).

Coastal Flooding: There are no coastal flooding concerns across Florida.

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding across the state today. A few isolated to widely scattered showers and storms may develop in the Suwannee River Valley today, with scattered to numerous showers and storms in South Florida. Rainfall amounts will generally remain below 1" in areas that do receive rainfall in the Suwannee Valley. Higher coverage of activity in South Florida may lead to areas receiving multiple rounds of **heavy downpours**, which could lead to instances of **nuisance flooding**. Rainfall totals may reach **upwards of 1-2"** in localized areas of South Florida today. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

Riverine Flooding: All rivers are below flood stage across Florida. For more information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 10.88 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.80 feet below normal for this time of year.



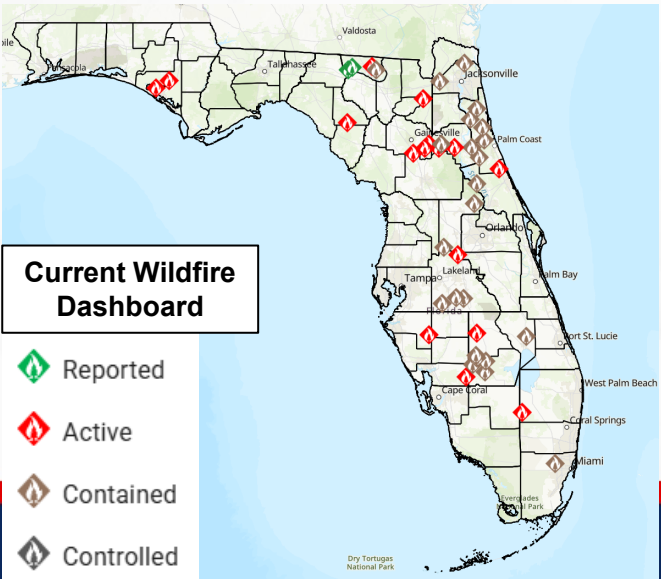
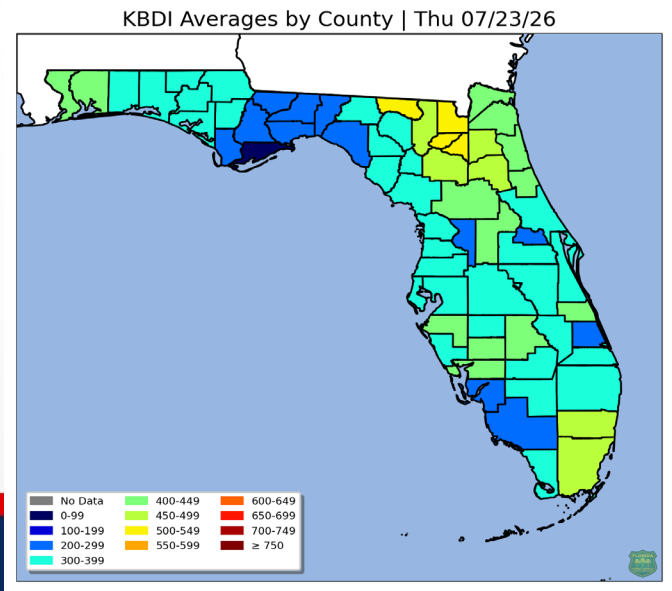
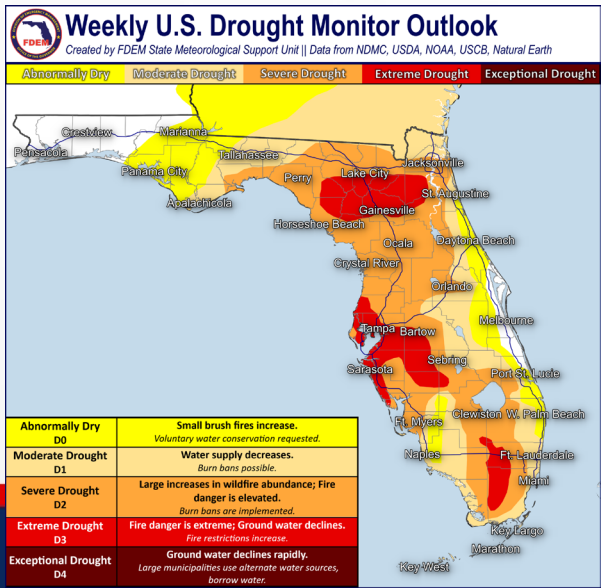


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying above critical thresholds and winds remaining light. Relative humidities may fall into the **middle to upper 30s** in spots across North Florida today, which would lead to localized **sensitive wildfire conditions**, especially in Northeast Florida where the driest soil conditions are observed in the state and where the hottest temperatures are expected. A few isolated to widely scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected across the Suwannee River Valley today with scattered to numerous activity across South Florida. Any thunderstorm activity across the state could be accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds, which can spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 41 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 27,217 acres.

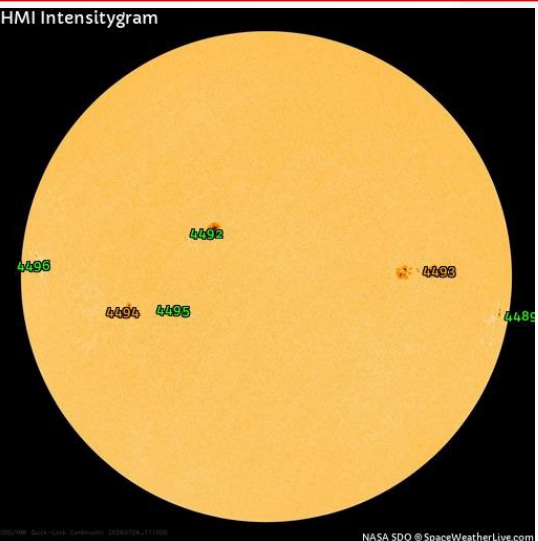
Drought (7/21/26): Higher than normal rainfall from a nearby tropical disturbance (that would eventually become Tropical Storm Bertha) has led to drought improvements across the Panhandle, Big Bend, and localized areas along the West Coast. Pockets of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** along much of the coastal Big Bend, in Franklin, Liberty, Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Lafayette, Dixie, and Levy counties have been reduced to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. Similar reductions from **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** were observed in localized areas in Pinellas, Pasco, Duval, Clay, and Putnam counties. Further reductions were observed in the Western Panhandle, with portions of Gulf, Franklin, Liberty, Wakulla, and Leon counties previously in a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** were reduced to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. The D0 (*abnormally dry*) areas were removed (indicating no drought conditions) for Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties. Drier than normal conditions across much of the Peninsula this week has led to localized expansions (*worsening drought*) of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** across West-Central and inland Southeast FL. 14% of the state remains in an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)**, a ~2% reduction from last week. 10% of the state has no drought designation, a ~2.5% increase from last week. Looking ahead, drier air will help to suppress most shower and thunderstorm activity across the North Florida through the next 7 days. Isolated to widely scattered activity is expected along the sea breezes in Northeast and North-Central Florida, with higher coverage of storms in South-Central and South Florida, especially towards the end of this coming weekend and early next week. Some drought improvements are possible in areas that receive beneficial rainfall. Otherwise, hot temperatures will continue to cure and dry out sensitive vegetation in areas that fail to receive rainfall.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **369 (+12)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **4 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

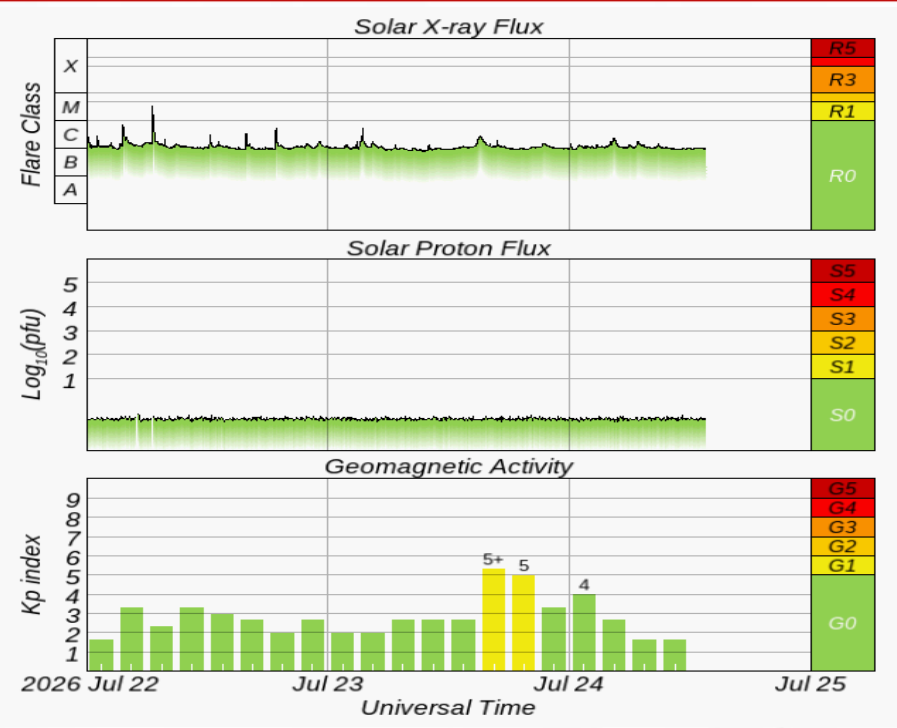
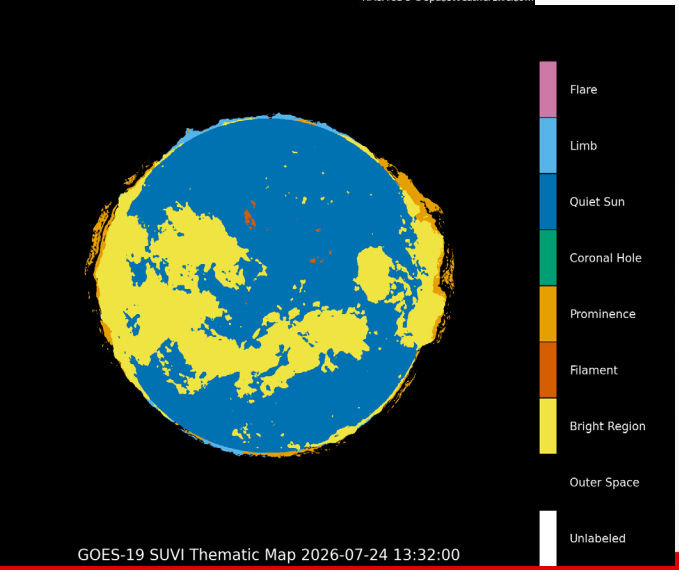




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 55%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/24	7/25
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low to moderate levels with a high chance for additional moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts from solar flare activity, primarily from sunspot region 4493 and 4494. Enhanced solar wind conditions are expected through Saturday due to the two CMEs that left the sun on Monday and Tuesday, as well as influences from a Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS). Quiet to active geomagnetic conditions are expected today due to the aforementioned CMEs and CH HSS. Should the CMEs be more Earth-directed than modeled, periods of G2 (Moderate) storming or greater cannot be ruled out. Otherwise, G1 (Minor) storming is expected. Quiet to unsettled levels will return this weekend. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



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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	
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