



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, July 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	County EM Visit
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Liberty	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Leon, Marion	Logistics Support (Travel Trailer Movement)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Baker	County EM Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Office Administration
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Sarasota	SRT CAP Assessment (Sarasota Co SO)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6, 9
Region 8 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 9
Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	HERricane Prep
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	Off / Monitoring
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Union	Administrative/Training for upcoming CPR/CEVO
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Putnam	Exercise Planning Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Recovery Meeting
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	Miami-Dade	Regional Recovery Meeting/Response Coverage Reg 10

Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

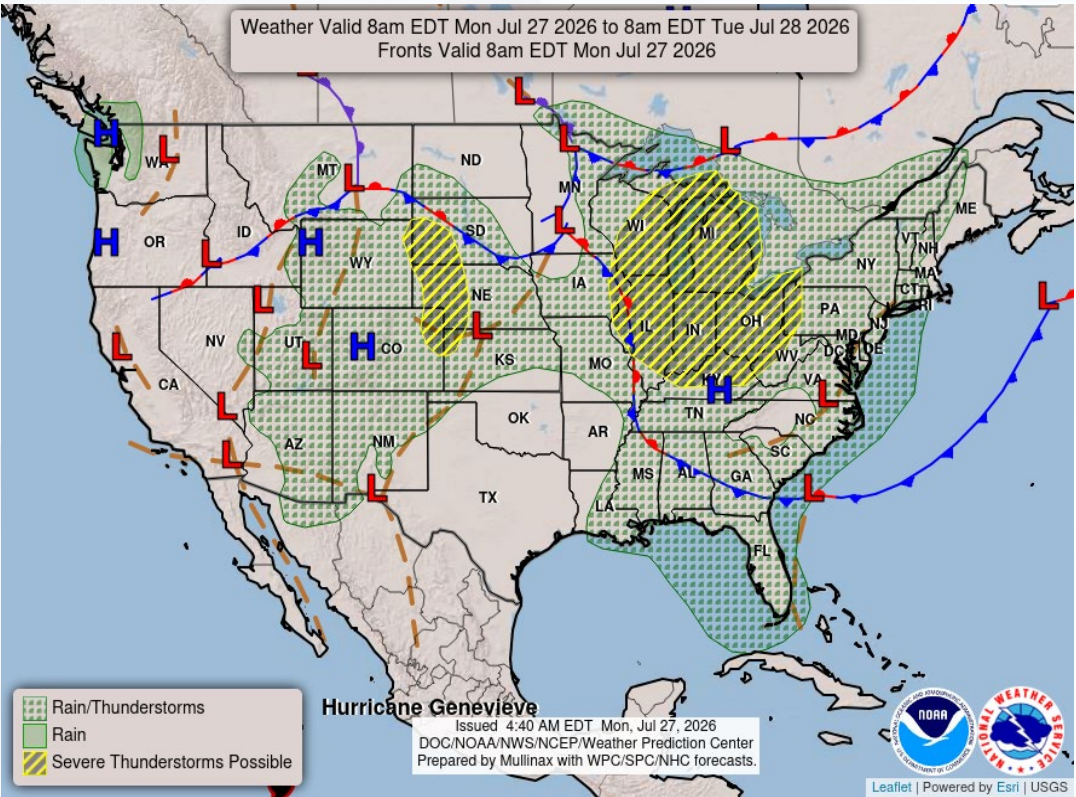
Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5, 10

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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

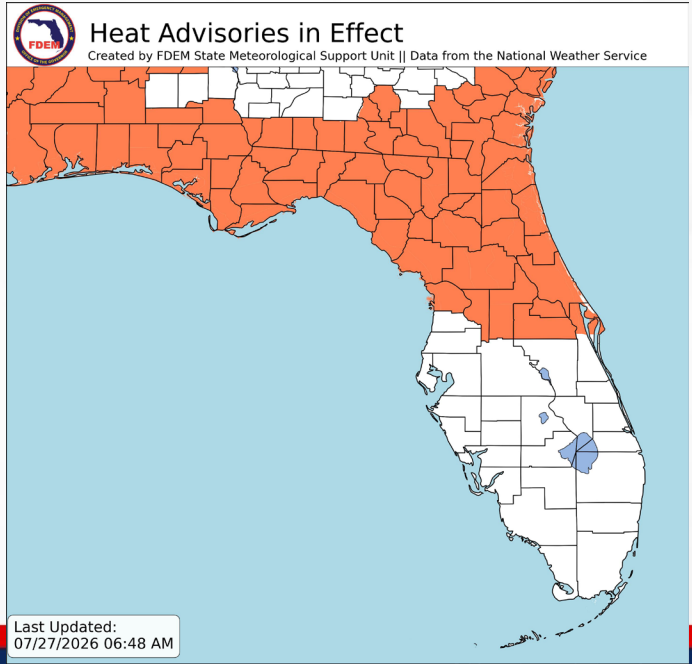
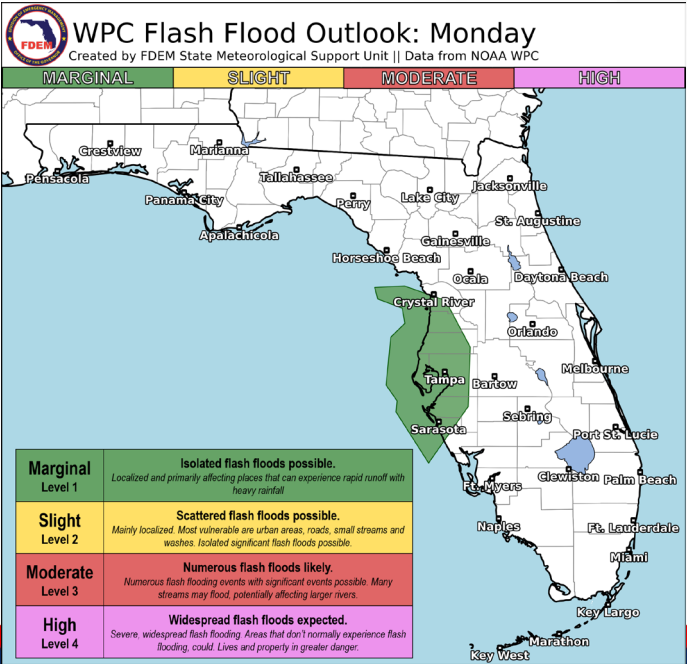


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

T hreat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	M	M	M	H	M	M	M	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding						L				L
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	L	M	M	M		M	M	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	10.83 ft. (2.89 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	397 (+2) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





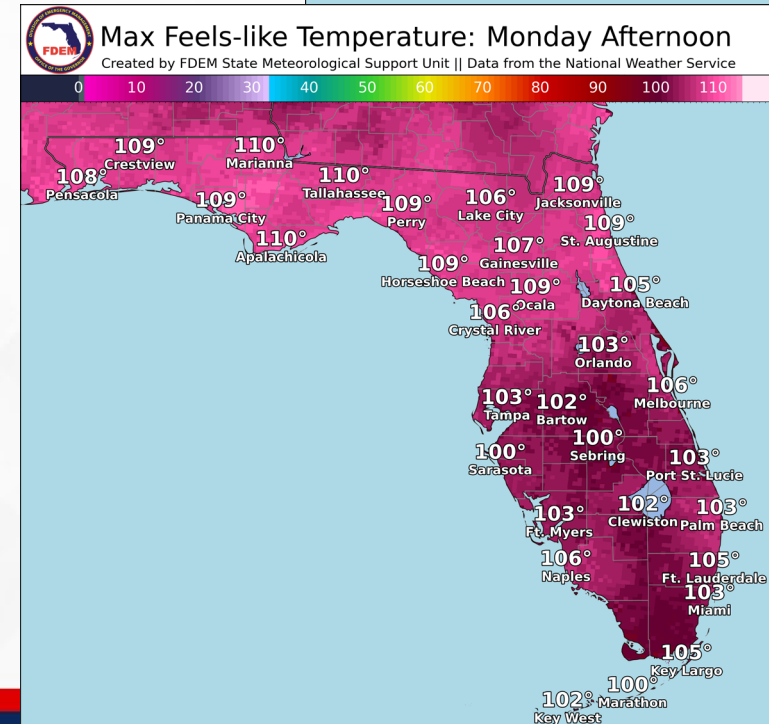
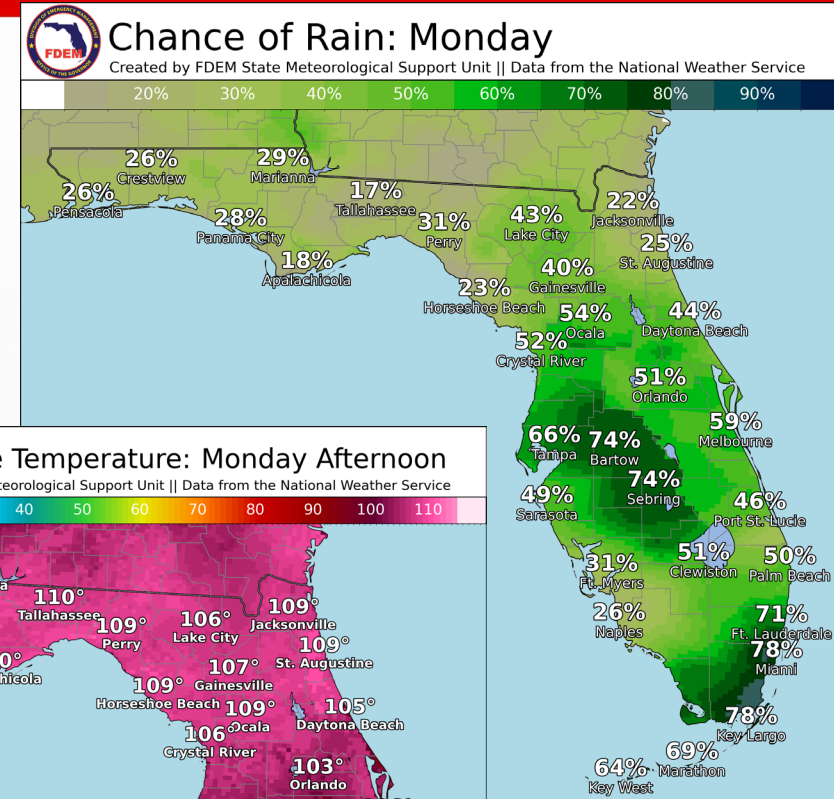
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A robust cluster of showers and embedded thunderstorms is already ongoing this morning across portions of North-Central Florida, moving southward through the Peninsula. This activity is expected to continue sagging southwestward across the western Peninsula this morning, with additional activity expected to develop later this afternoon and evening along the inland advancing sea breezes throughout the Peninsula (45-75% chance of rain). A localized **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked for the Tampa Bay metro region today where this morning's activity, as well as additional activity later in the day, could lead to instances of **urban flooding and ponding of water**. Generally westerly flow will also encourage a few **heavy showers and storms** throughout the Miami metro later this afternoon, which could lead to isolated instances of **urban flooding** as well. Throughout North Florida, drier air will limit the overall coverage of activity, however a few storms are still likely along the Gulf sea breeze across the Panhandle and throughout the Suwannee River Valley (25-45% chance of rain). A cluster of thunderstorms tracking southward through Georgia may begin to dissipate this morning before regenerating and arriving to parts of the Panhandle or Big Bend later this afternoon or evening. Any thunderstorm activity across the state could become **locally strong to severe** and capable of producing **frequent lightning, gusty winds (40-60 mph), and torrential downpours**.

Hot and humid conditions will headline the day, with **heat index values** soaring into the **upper 100s to lower 110s** across much of North and North-Central Florida where **Heat Advisories** are in effect through this afternoon. A bit more cloud coverage and rainfall will keep temperatures below heat advisory criteria in South-Central and South Florida, though will still feel like the **lower to middle 100s**. A few urban areas in Southwest or Southeast Florida could briefly hit **upper 100s** before shower and thunderstorm development. Any prolonged exposure to the heat without adequate cooling across the state could lead to **heat related illnesses**.

Tonight, any shower or thunderstorm activity throughout the state will generally dissipate or push offshore before midnight. A few storms may re-develop along the West Coast towards daybreak on Tuesday and push onshore by sunrise. Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s statewide.

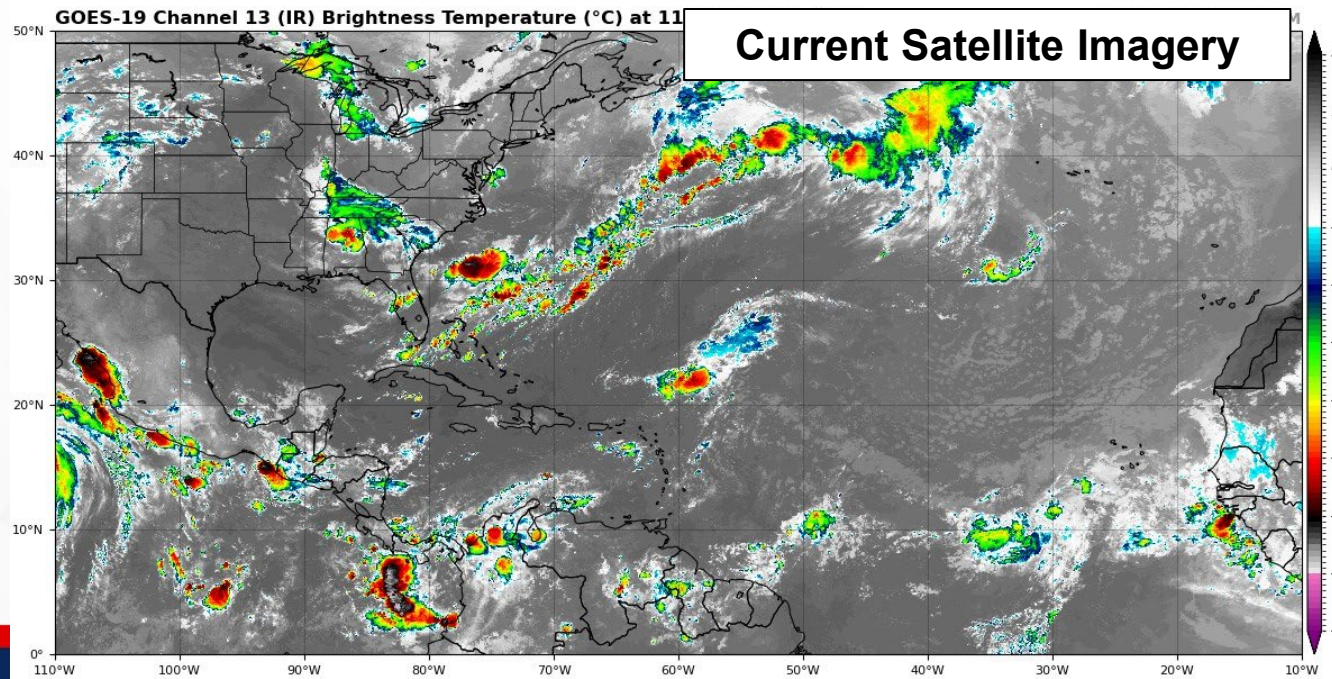
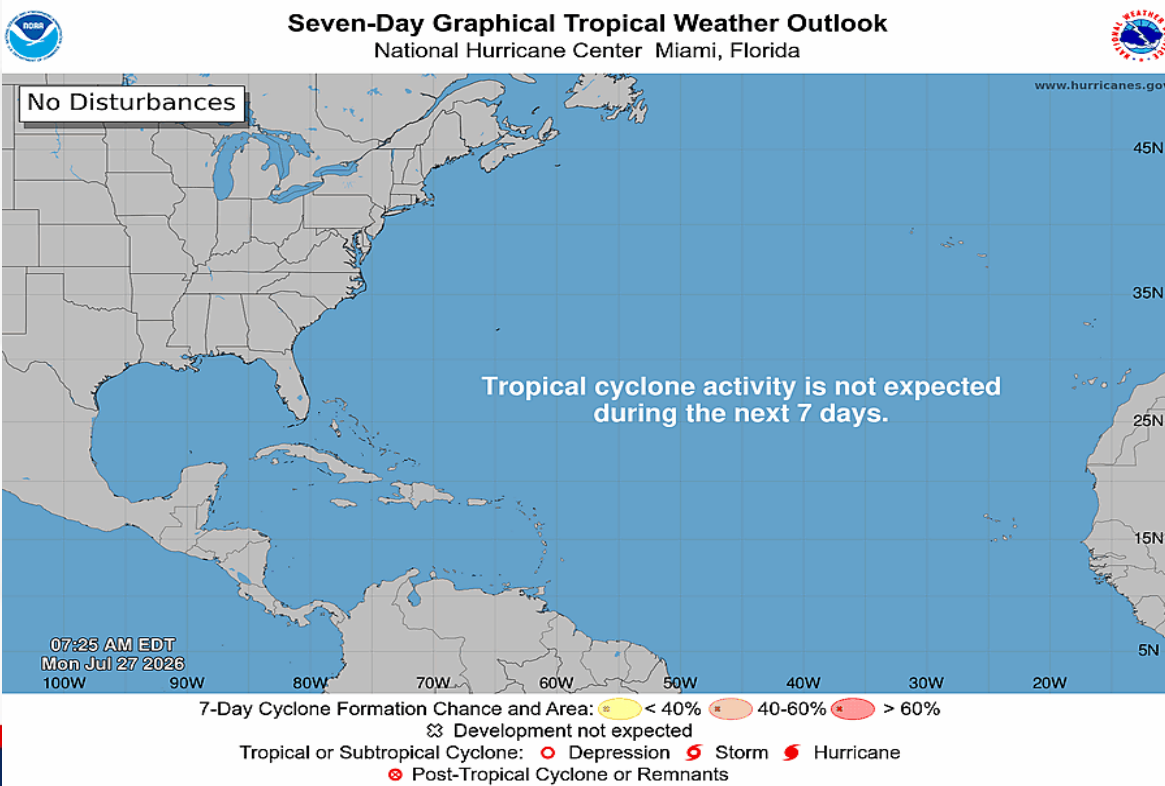




Tropical Weather

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 onshore flow continues with slightly elevated surf. A **moderate risk for rip currents** persists across most East Coast, West-Central, and Southwest beaches as well. Nature Coast and Southeast Florida beaches will see a low risk today. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf will remain calm today for many statewide beaches, remaining near **2-4'**.

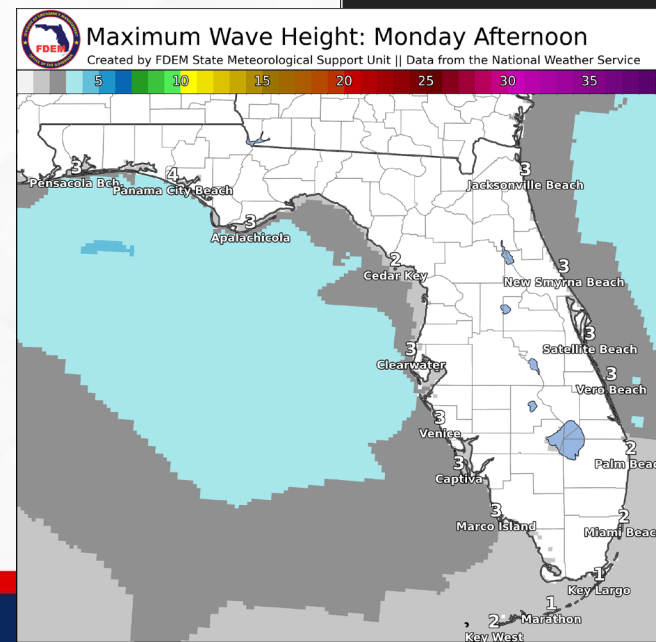
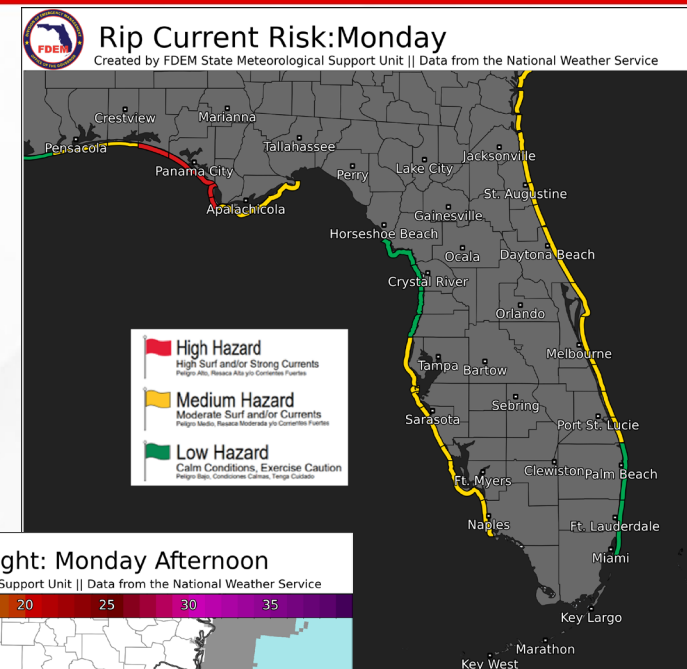
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations from offshore Sarasota County (valid 7/24/26).

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

Flash Flooding: A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** has been outlooked for the Tampa Bay metro region today for multiple rounds of **heavy downpours** that could lead to localized **urban flooding and ponding of water**. The first round of activity is already ongoing just north of the region this morning and is expected to slide southwestward into the Tampa Bay metro later this morning. Additional activity will develop along the sea breezes as they advance inland this afternoon. Rainfall totals throughout the Peninsula will generally remain around 1-2" in areas that do receive rainfall. Locally higher amounts focused across the Tampa Bay region may reach **upwards of 2-4" or more**. 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 10.83 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.89 feet below normal for this time of year.



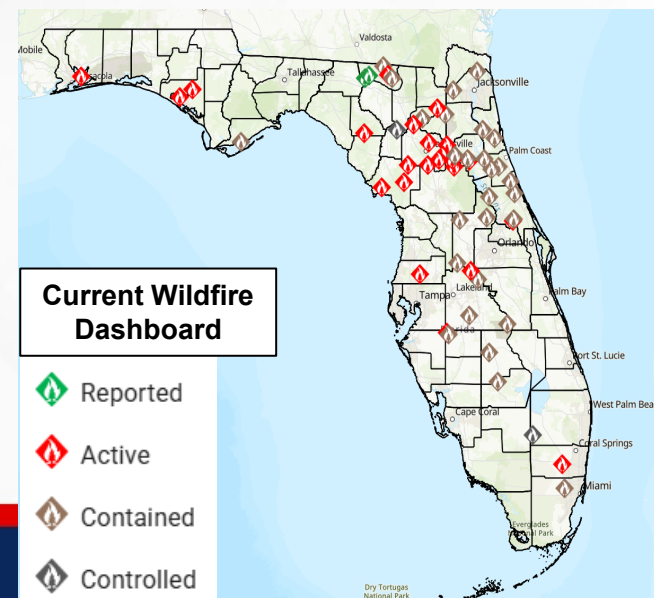
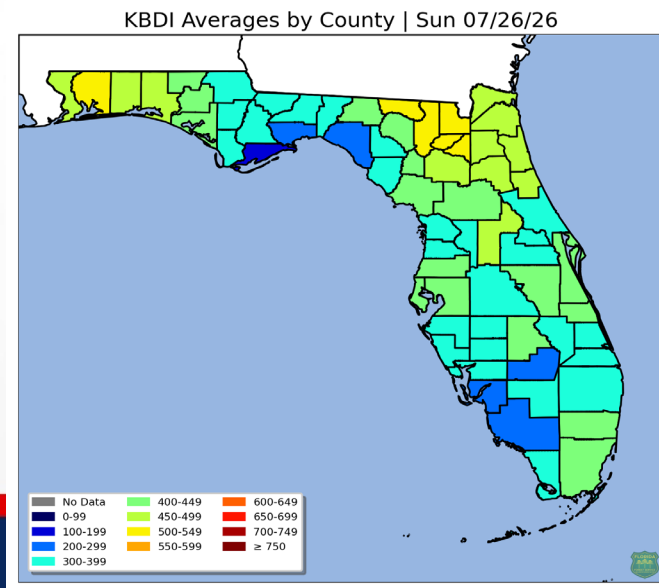
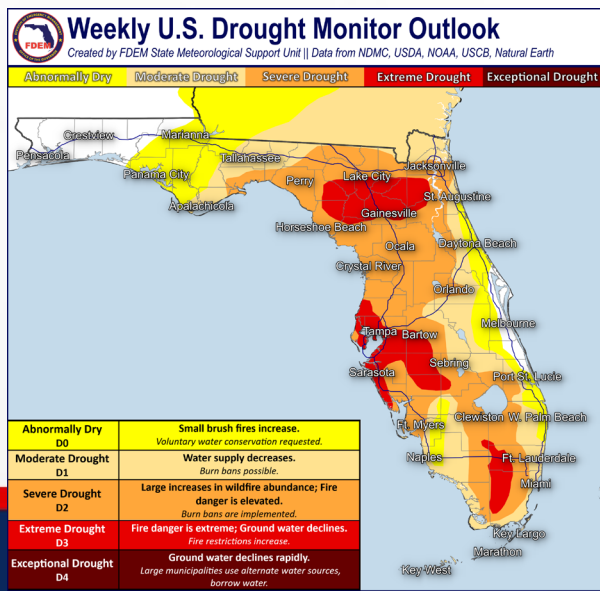


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying above critical thresholds and winds remaining light. Widespread showers and storms are expected throughout much of the state today, focused throughout the Central and Southern Peninsula. Any thunderstorm 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 55 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 27,258 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.

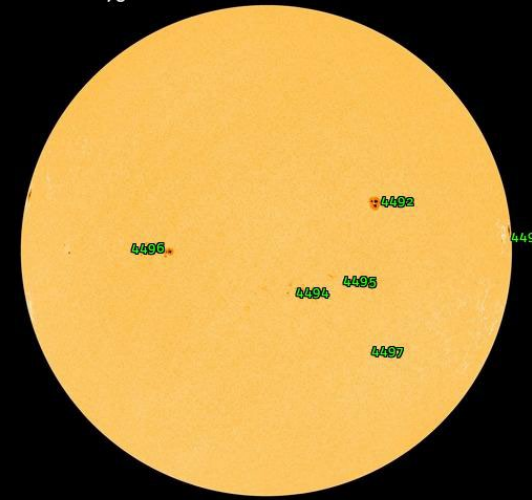
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **397 (+2)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **6 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





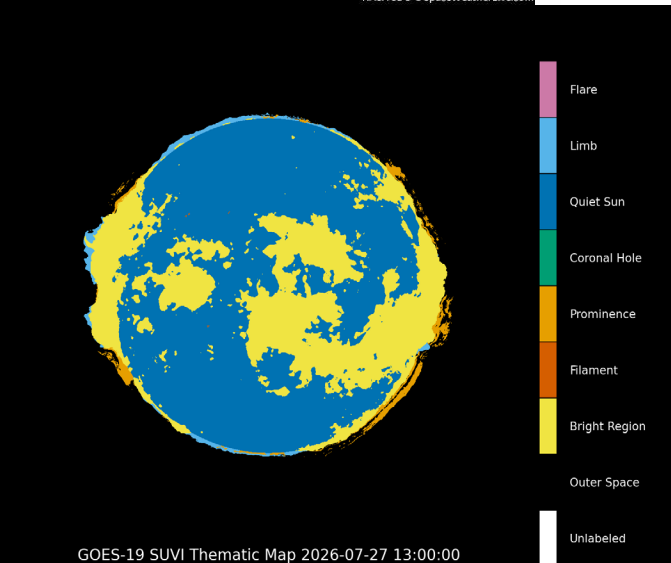
Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram

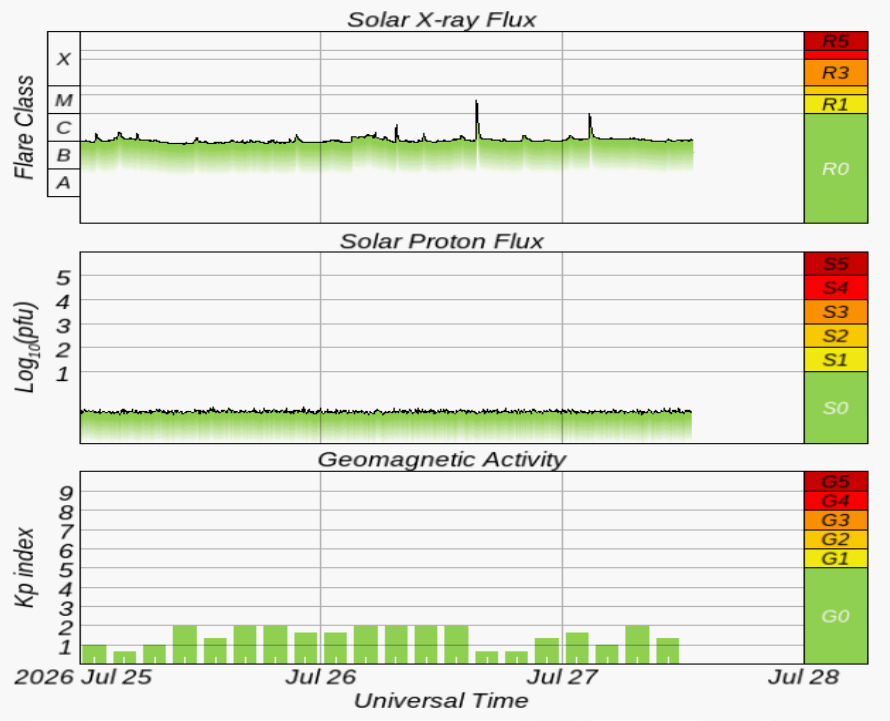


Current Sunspots

NASA SDO @ SpaceWeatherLive.com



GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-07-27 13:00:00



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 45%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M3 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
7/27	7/28
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels through Wednesday, with a strong chance for M-class flares. Any M-class flares will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. The solar wind environment is expected to be near background levels through today. Enhancements are likely towards the middle of the week from a glancing coronal mass ejection (CME). Mostly quiet geomagnetic conditions are expected to begin today before weak CME influences bring active conditions and a chance for G1 (Minor) storming. Quiet to unsettled conditions return by Wednesday. 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	
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