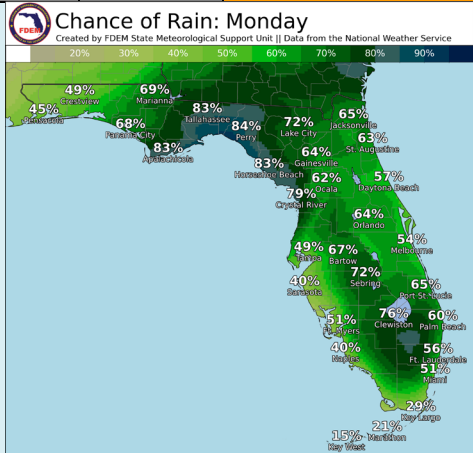
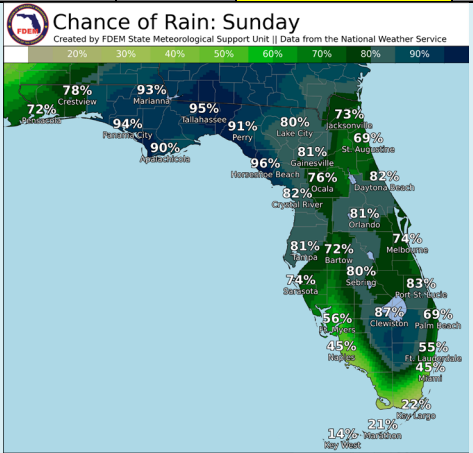
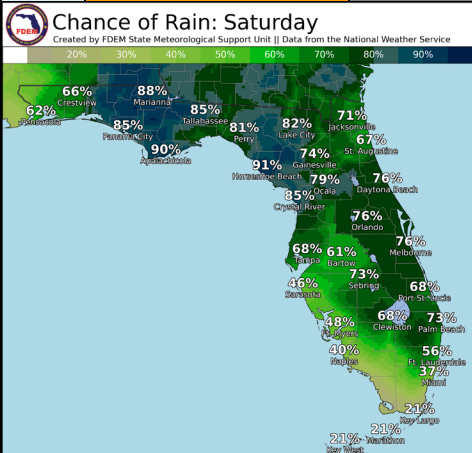
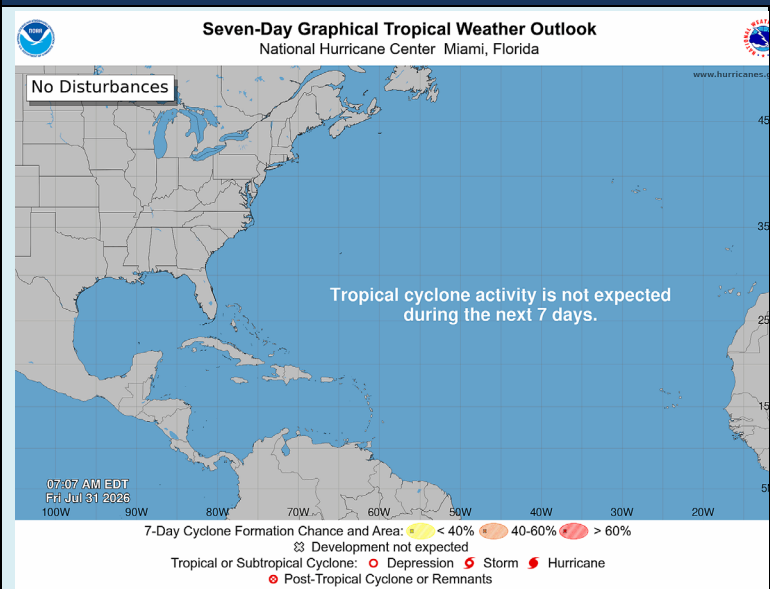


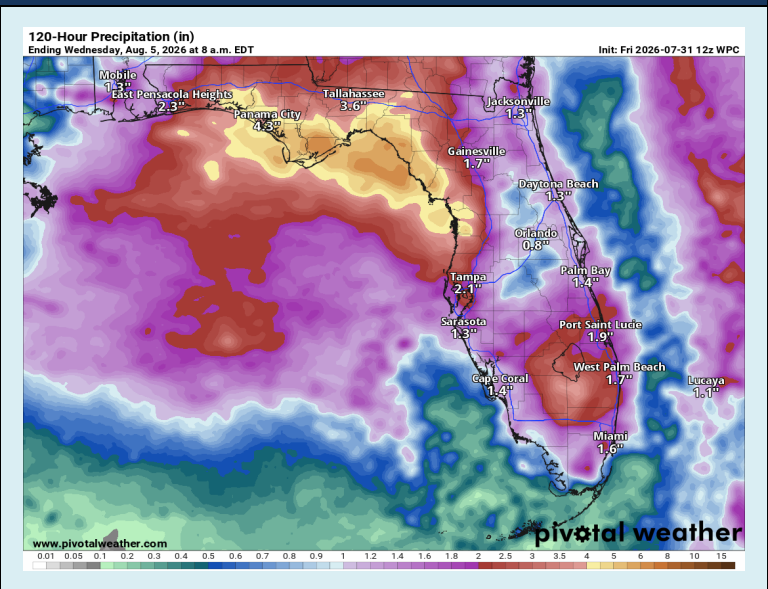
Friday, July 31, 2026					5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook			
No Threat		Low Threat		Moderate Threat		High Threat		
Day	Lightning	Damaging Wind/ Hail	Flash Flooding	Tornado	Excessive Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Fri	North & Central FL South FL	Iso. Statewide	Locally North & Central FL		Southeast Metro & Locally I-10 Corridor Rest of State		Iso. Peninsula	West Coast Panhandle & East Coast Nature Coast & Southeast FL
Sat	Panhandle, Northeast FL & I-95 Corridor Central & Southeast FL Southwest FL & Keys	Iso. Statewide	Locally Statewide		Locally Southeast FL		Iso. Peninsula	Panhandle & West Coast East Coast Nature Coast & Southeast FL
Sun	Statewide FL Keys	Iso. Statewide	Locally Panhandle, Big Bend & Nature Coast		Locally Southeast FL		Iso. Peninsula	Panhandle & Locally West Coast East Coast & Southwest FL Southeast FL
Mon	Peninsula & Big Bend Eastern Panhandle & West Coast Western Panhandle	Iso. Statewide	Locally Panhandle & Big Bend		Locally I-95 Corridor & South FL		Iso. Peninsula	Eastern Panhandle Western Panhandle, West Coast & East Coast Nature Coast & Southeast FL
Tue	Interior South FL Rest of State	Iso. South FL	Iso. South FL		Locally I-95 Corridor & South FL		Iso. Peninsula	Panhandle & East Coast West Coast



Forecast Chances of Rain: *Saturday, Sunday, and Monday*



7-Day Tropical Weather Outlook

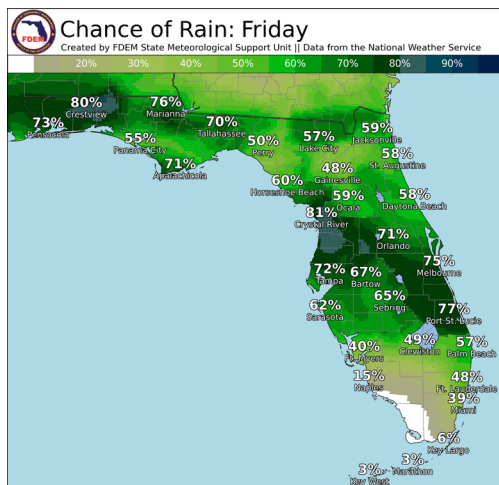


WPC 5-Day Forecast Rainfall Totals



...Wet and Active Weather Pattern to Take Hold Across the Sunshine State... Daily Rounds of Heavy Showers and Thunderstorms Expected Through Early Next Week as Richly Moist Southwesterly Flow Prevails... Areas of Flooding and Ponding of Water on Roadways Possible... Frequent Lightning and Gusty Winds to Accompany the Strongest Thunderstorm Activity... Heat Relaxes Across the State as Cloud Coverage and Rainfall Increases...Moderate to High Risk for Rip Currents Persist at Many Statewide Beaches Through the Forecast Period... No Tropical Cyclone Activity Expected in the Next 7 Days in the Atlantic...

Friday:



Our stalled frontal boundary that has acted to focus numerous rounds of heavy showers and thunderstorms across the state this week remains draped across South Georgia today. Just south of this front, abundant tropical moisture continues to pool amidst richly moist west to southwesterly flow. A large area of showers with embedded thunderstorms tracking south and eastward has already developed this morning along the Panhandle coastline, stretching towards the Nature Coast. This large cluster of activity will continue to traverse across the Gulf Coast this morning, spreading onshore into Central Florida later this morning and afternoon with some enhancements possible as the sea breezes interact with outflow boundaries. Activity is expected to reach South-Central and Southeast Florida by the late afternoon and early evening hours where some additional sea breeze showers and storms may develop beforehand during peak heating hours this afternoon. Meanwhile, across North Florida,

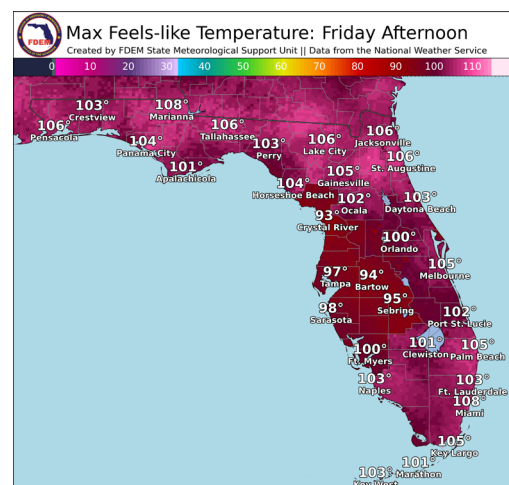
additional showers and thunderstorms are expected to develop around 2-4 PM EDT near or along the I-10 corridor before tracking southward into the evening hours. Any thunderstorm activity statewide today may be accompanied by **frequent lightning**, **gusty winds (30-50 mph)**, and **torrential downpours**. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** has been outlooked throughout all North and Central Florida where multiple rounds of **heavy downpours** may lead to instances of **flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. Any thunderstorm activity today could produce a quick **1-3" of rain**, with locally higher totals under any training storms.

Much of the state will remain below Heat Advisory criteria today, despite oppressive humidity sticking around, given much higher cloud coverage and rainfall chances. Highs will reach the lower to middle 90s throughout much of the state, except West-Central Florida where highs may struggle to get out of the middle to upper 80s and feels-like temperatures out of the 90s. The remainder of the state is expected to reach the **lower to middle 100s**. A localized **Heat Advisory** has been issued for coastal Southeast Florida where urban areas may briefly touch the **upper 100s** this afternoon before thunderstorm activity develops.

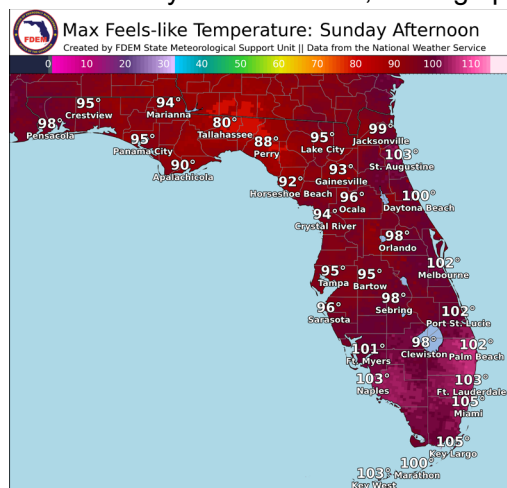
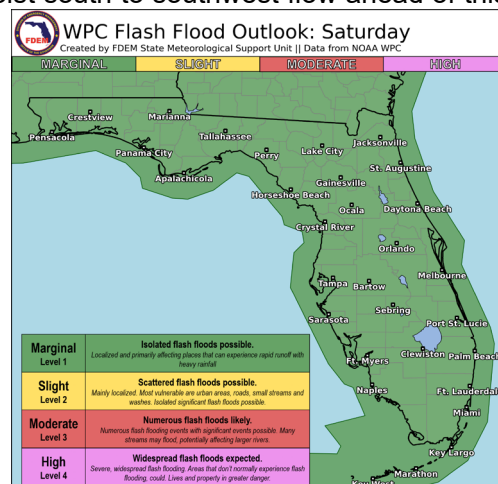
Tonight, showers and thunderstorms will likely push offshore the East Coast before midnight with some lingering activity along the Panhandle and Nature Coasts through the overnight hours (50-70% chance of rain). Activity will begin to push back onshore shortly before sunrise Saturday along the Gulf Coast. Lows will fall into middle 70s to lower 80s.

Saturday – Monday:

Despite the frontal boundary across Georgia finally beginning to dissipate and lift northward by Saturday, another cold front will quickly be on it's heels as a deep upper-level low pressure system dives



into the lower Mississippi River Valley and Deep South. Richly moist south to southwest flow ahead of this system, nearing record levels for this time of year, will spread across the entire state with numerous rounds of heavy showers and thunderstorms expected to develop across Florida each day courtesy of the nearby front, daily sea breezes, and adequate afternoon surface heating (75- near 100% chance of rain). Unlike most summertime days, this system may encourage showers and storms to make an early start across portions of the Panhandle and West Coast before increasing in coverage during the afternoon and evening hours statewide. Additionally, activity may linger into the overnight hours past midnight. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked statewide on Saturday and across the Panhandle, Big Bend, and Nature Coast on Sunday. Additional upgrades, expansions, or changes to these outlooks are expected as it becomes apparent each day where the heaviest rain will set up and where previous days' rainfall occurs. Regardless, multiple days of heavy rainfall may lead to areas of **flooding and ponding of water**, and instances of **flash flooding** cannot be ruled out in areas that receive training thunderstorms overtop of saturated soils. As with any summertime thunderstorm activity, **frequent lightning** and **gusty winds (30-50 mph)** will accompany the strongest storms. By Monday, the front across the Deep South will begin to slowly dissipate and lift northward while high pressure over the western Atlantic begins to nudge into the central and southern Peninsula. Scattered to numerous showers will continue to lift across North Florida amidst southwesterly flow. However, this high pressure will begin to shift winds more out of the southeast and east across Southeast and East-Central Florida, bringing higher coverage of afternoon rainfall to Southwest Florida (40-60% chance of rain).



Highs will cool off across North Florida Saturday through Monday, down into the middle to upper 80s for many given increasing cloud coverage and rainfall. Upper 80s to lower 90s are expected throughout the Peninsula. Feels-like temperatures are expected to remain well below Heat Advisory criteria this weekend and into early next week across much of the state, though may briefly touch the **middle to upper 100s** across Southeast Florida. Lows each night will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s statewide.

Tuesday:

A more typical summertime pattern returns to the Sunshine State on Tuesday as high pressure begins to firmly anchor across the Peninsula. Sea breeze shower and thunderstorm

development is expected across the state, some of which may become locally **strong to severe** (50-80% chance of rain). Generally easterly flow across Central and South Florida will send the Atlantic sea breeze inland towards Southwest Florida where the highest rain chances exist. Across North Florida, southwesterly flow will prevail with scattered activity developing throughout the Panhandle and Northeast Florida. Will need to watch for areas of **flooding and ponding of water** from any heavier thunderstorm activity, as well as **frequent lightning** and **locally gusty winds (30-50 mph)**.

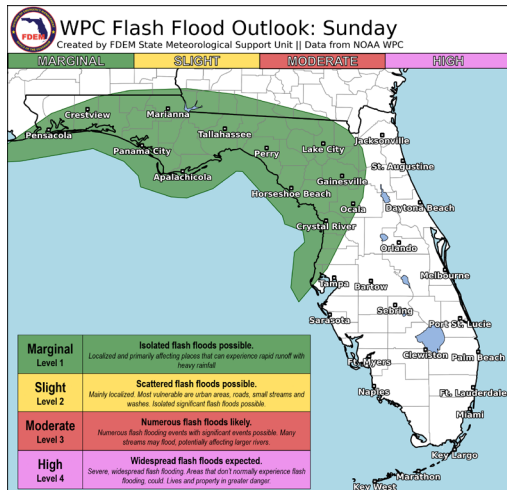
Highs will climb into the upper 80s to lower 90s for much of the state on Tuesday with feels-like temperatures peaking in the upper 90s to **middle 100s**. Cannot rule out **Heat Advisories** along portions of the I-95 corridor on Tuesday. Lows will fall into the middle 90s to lower 80s statewide.

Tropical Weather:

There is no tropical cyclone activity expected during the next 7 days in the Atlantic basin. For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.



Hydrology & Flooding:



expected as it becomes apparent where the heaviest rains will set up each day, as well as where previous days' rainfall fell. A general **2-4" of rain** is outlooked throughout the Panhandle, Big bend, and Nature Coast through the forecast period. Locally higher amounts **upwards of 4-6" or more** are most likely along the Panhandle Coast and Nature Coast where overnight activity will likely linger each night. A few areas could receive as much as **7" or more** through Tuesday, should they receive multiple rounds of heavy downpours each day. Throughout the Peninsula, a general **1-3" of rain** is forecast with locally higher totals across interior South Florida as a more wet pattern begins to return towards Monday and Tuesday. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the WPC [website](#).

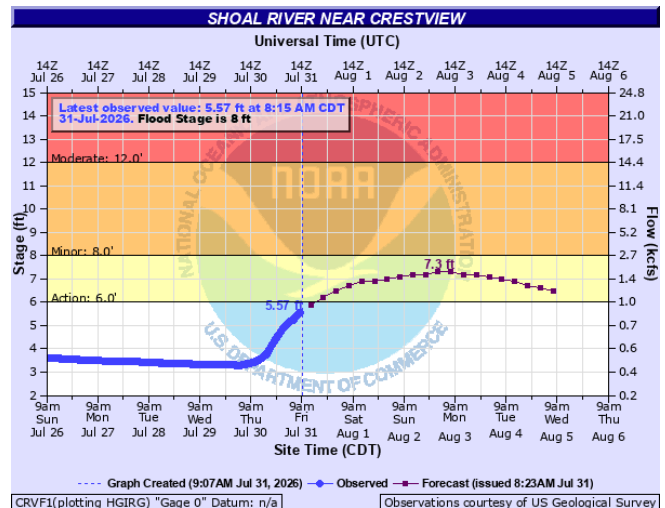
The [Shoal River near Crestview](#) in the Panhandle is expected to reach Action Stage (*bank-full*) this weekend and early next week from recent heavy rains and additional rains forecast. Otherwise, all Florida rivers are below flood stage. Additional rainfall this weekend and early next week will likely help to replenish many North and Central Florida rivers running well below normal. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 10.89 feet, which is within the operational band and 2.86 feet **below** normal for this time of year.

Drought & Fire Weather:

Some minor drought improvements were observed on this week's Drought Monitor update across portions of the Big Bend this week, with areas of moderate to severe drought in Leon, Wakulla, and Franklin counties reduced one category to abnormally dry conditions (*receding drought*) or **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. This area has seen a general 1-3" of rainfall over the past week, with additional rains in recent weeks courtesy of Tropical Storm Bertha and other sea breeze activity. Across the Panhandle, however, areas of abnormally dry conditions (*emerging drought*) have returned. 60-day rainfall departures along the Panhandle coast have now reached near **2-4" below normal**, with above normal rainfall departures still evident across the northern Panhandle counties from June's Tropical Storm Arthur. Throughout the Peninsula, very few changes were observed this week. Rainfall departures over the past 2 months remain below to well below normal in many locations, including interior Northeast Florida, West-Central Florida, and interior South Florida where pockets of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** remain with **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** generally surrounding that. Portions of northern Duval and southern Nassau counties have returned to a **severe drought (level 3 of 4)** with coastal St. Johns and Flagler counties

A wet and active pattern will take hold of Florida through the forecast period as daily rounds of heavy showers and thunderstorms take aim at the state. A stalled frontal boundary across Georgia today, a deep upper-level low pressure system this weekend, and the daily sea breezes will all encourage above average rainfall chances and development throughout the state each day, with many areas likely to see multiple rounds of **heavy downpours**. Any thunderstorm activity each day will be capable of producing a quick **1-3" of rain or more**, which has prompted a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** to be outlooked across portions of the state through Sunday. Instances of **flooding and ponding of water** are possible in areas that receive numerous rounds of **heavy rainfall**. Additionally, isolated cases of **flash flooding** cannot be ruled out as flash flood thresholds slowly diminish amidst multiple days of rainfall. Additional upgrades, expansions, or changes to the flash flood outlooks are

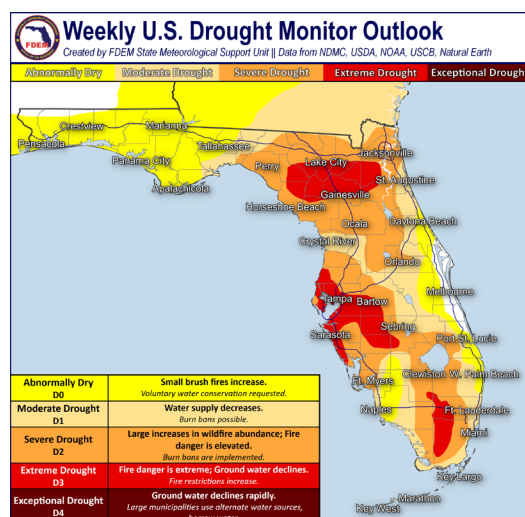


upgraded to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. Higher rainfall totals of 2-5" in the past week across Citrus and Sumter counties has led to severe drought being reduced to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. Some slight drought improvements were also observed across interior Collier, Hendry, and Glades counties. 14% of the state remains in an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** with only 3% of the state now under no drought designation, a ~7% decrease from last week.

Looking ahead, a rather wet and active pattern is expected across the Sunshine State through the forecast period with many areas expected to receive beneficial rainfall. Some drought improvements are likely in next week's update should the heavy rainfall forecasts pan out. Drier conditions across South Florida will quickly turn wet again later this weekend and early next week. Despite the heavy rainfall expected, any areas that fail to receive rainfall could see drought endure or even worsen, especially given that hot summertime temperatures will persist each day.

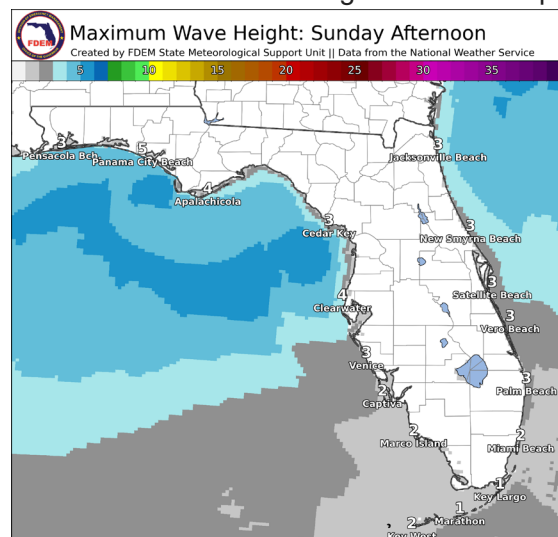
The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **390** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **11** Florida counties (Baker, Bradford, Hamilton, and Union) that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

The overall fire weather threat will remain low as relative humidities remain above critical thresholds and winds remain light. Significant wetting rains are expected throughout much of the state with daily showers and thunderstorms. However, any thunderstorm activity statewide 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 currently 56 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 12,845 acres (as of 10:00 AM EDT).



Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

West to southwesterly onshore flow will prevail across all Panhandle and West Coast beaches through at least Monday, keeping a **moderate to high risk for rip currents** outlooked. As winds begin to shift more out of the southeast and east on Monday, the rip current risk will begin to diminish for West Coast beaches, eventually returning to a low risk by Tuesday. A **moderate risk for rip currents** will prevail for East Coast beaches through the forecast period, except Southeast Florida which will remain at a low risk until Tuesday when onshore winds return, bringing a **moderate risk for rip currents**.



Surf heights are expected to remain near **2-4'** for many statewide beaches through the forecast period. A slight increase in surf to near **4-5'** is expected in the Gulf on Sunday and Monday with increasing southwesterly flow. Generally calm surf will prevail for Southeast and Florida Keys beaches, near 1-2'.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) dashboard shows there have been 149 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed in Lake Okeechobee, Lake Mangonia, Carousel Lake, Lake Thonotosassa, and the upper and lower St. Johns River. **Moderate levels** have been observed in Lake Panasoffkee, Lake Gertrude, Lake Washington, the Fellsmere Water Management Area, and the C43 canal – S77 (upstream).

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Have a wonderful weekend and stay safe!

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