



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, August 11, 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	Calhoun	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Duval	FDOT District 2 RTMC Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	FDOT District 2 RTMC Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Osceola	G-557 Course Instruction / Region 5 T&E Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	48th CST Hazmat Exercise
Region 7: Brian Carey	Hillsborough	48th CST Hazmat Exercise
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Turkey Point NPP Ingestion Pathway Workshop
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	FLL Airport Exercise / CORE Summit

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 5

Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Bay	EM Partner
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Liberty	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Duval	FDOT Operations Tour
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Duval	FDOT Operations Tour
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Lake	EM Visit
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Mass Shooting Response and Investigation Webinar
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	Executive Director Support

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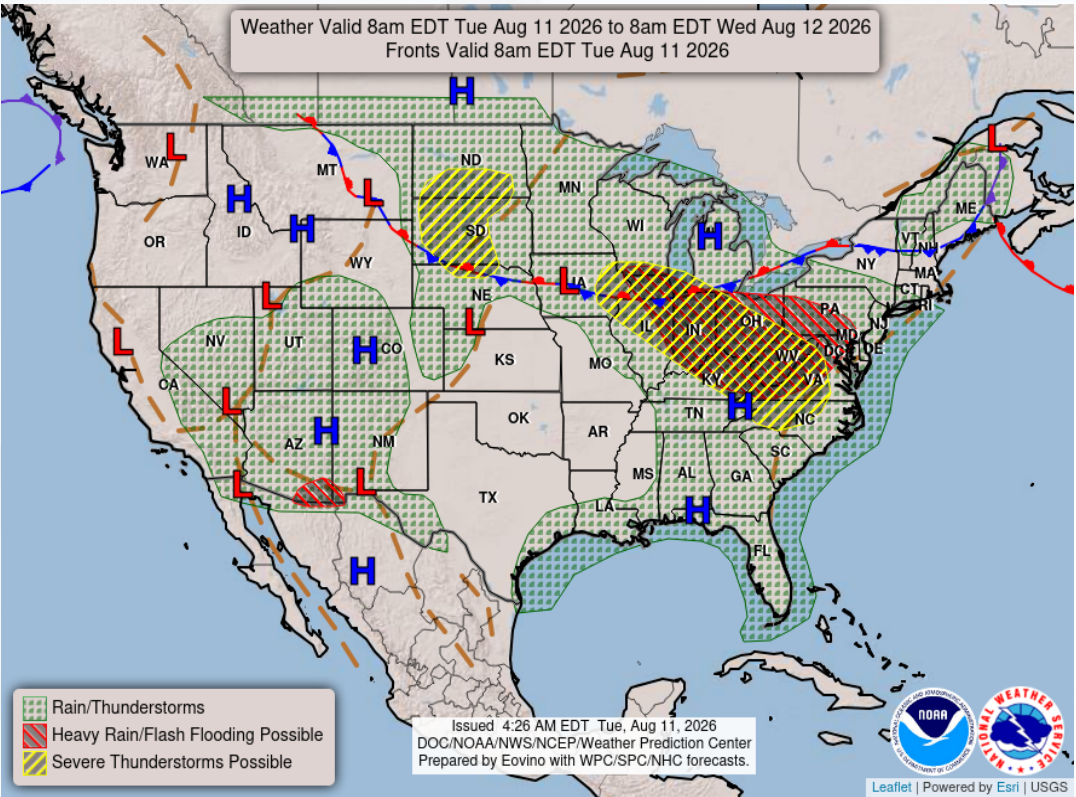
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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

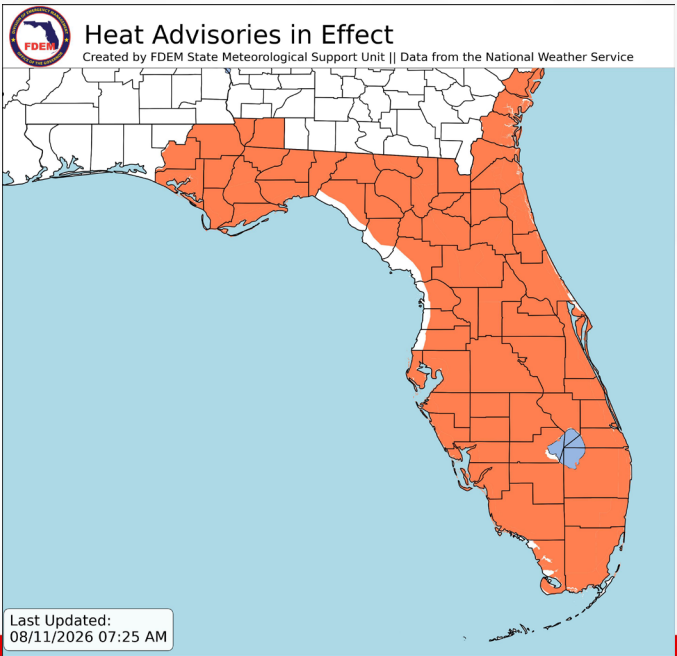
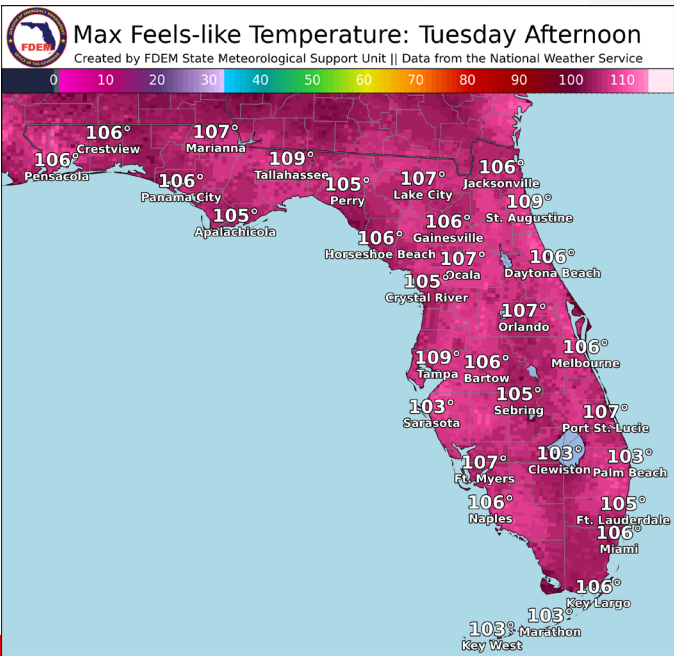


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.05 ft. (2.85 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	260 (+6) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





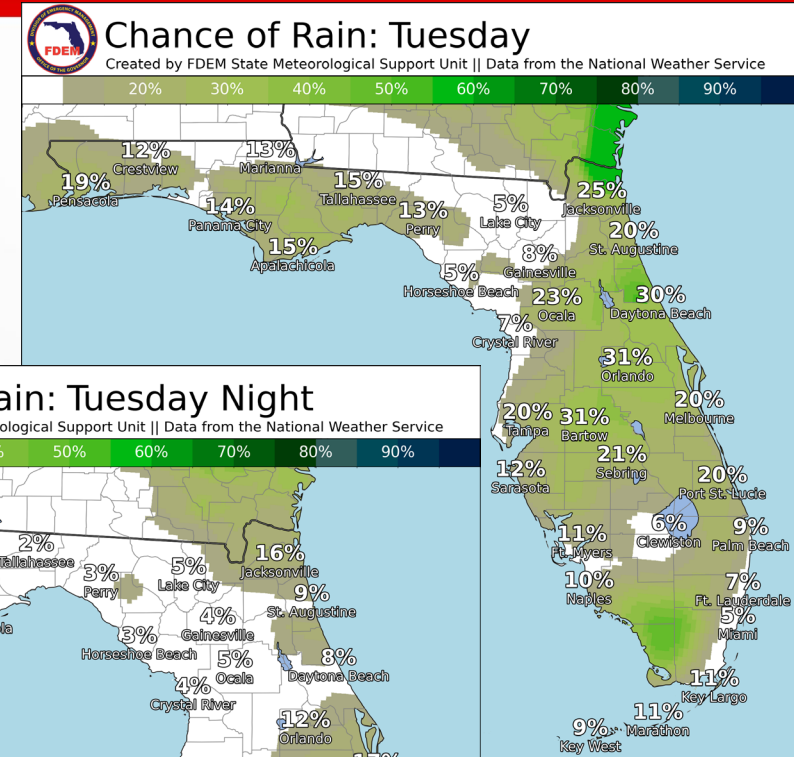
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another routine summer-like day is on tap for the Sunshine State today as area of high pressure over the western Atlantic continues to extend across the local region, helping to filter in drier air and suppress overall convective activity. Still, enough low-level moisture will exist for isolated to widely scattered showers and storms to develop across interior portions of the state this afternoon courtesy of daytime heating and the sea breezes (15-30% chance of rain). Activity will begin to develop around 1-3 PM this afternoon during peak heating hours, before advancing inland across the state. Although there is no organized risk for severe weather or flash flooding today, any slow-moving thunderstorm may become **locally strong** and accompanied by **lightning**, **gusty winds (30-50 mph)**, and **heavy downpours**.

The biggest headline today will continue to be the building heat across the state as high pressure settles overhead. Highs will climb into the **middle to upper 90s** across interior portions of the state today with lower 90s along the coasts. Humidity will remain elevated, meaning **afternoon feels-like temperatures** will climb well into the **middle to upper 100s** across the state. A **Heat Advisory** has been issued throughout much of the state today to account for these high heat index values. Any prolonged exposure to the heat without adequate cooling may lead to **heat related illnesses**.

Tonight, any lingering showers or thunderstorms will begin to wane and dissipate after sunset. Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s, bringing little relief from the daytime heat.





Tropical Weather

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

Central Tropical Atlantic: Shower and thunderstorm activity is currently limited in association with an area of low pressure located about 500 miles southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands. Environmental conditions are forecast to gradually become more conducive for development during the next day or two, and a tropical depression will likely form during the latter half of this week while the system moves westward to west-northwestward across the central tropical Atlantic.

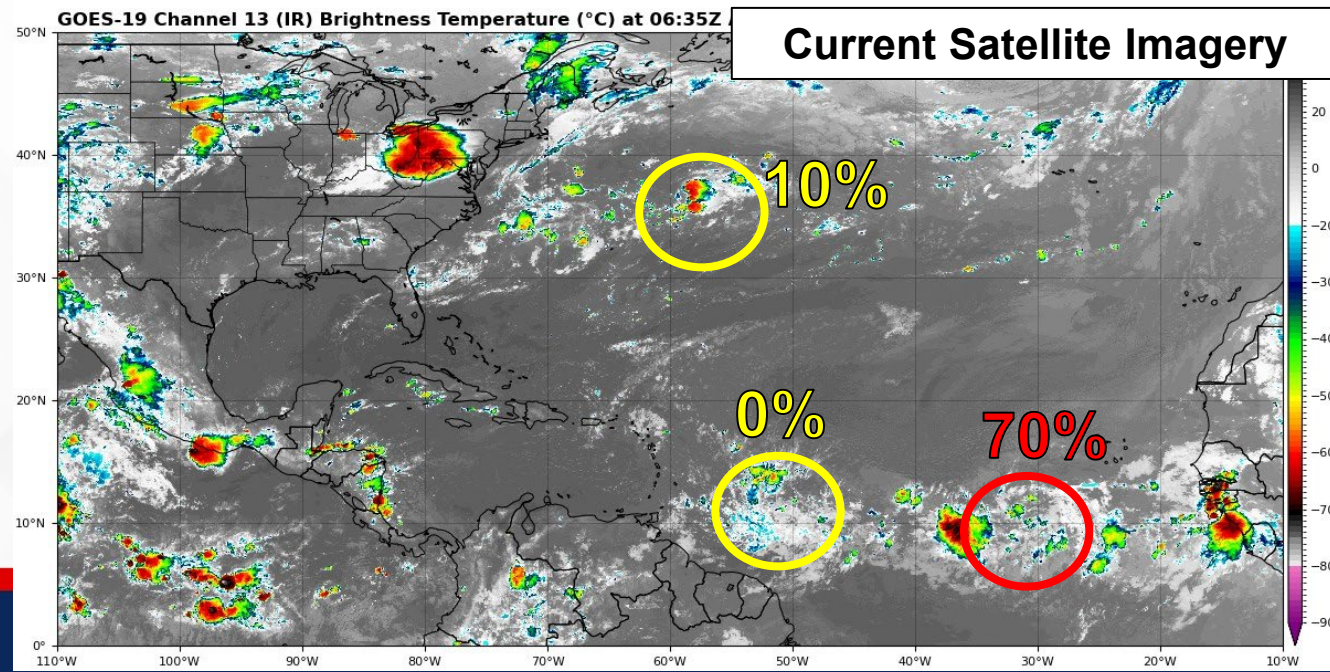
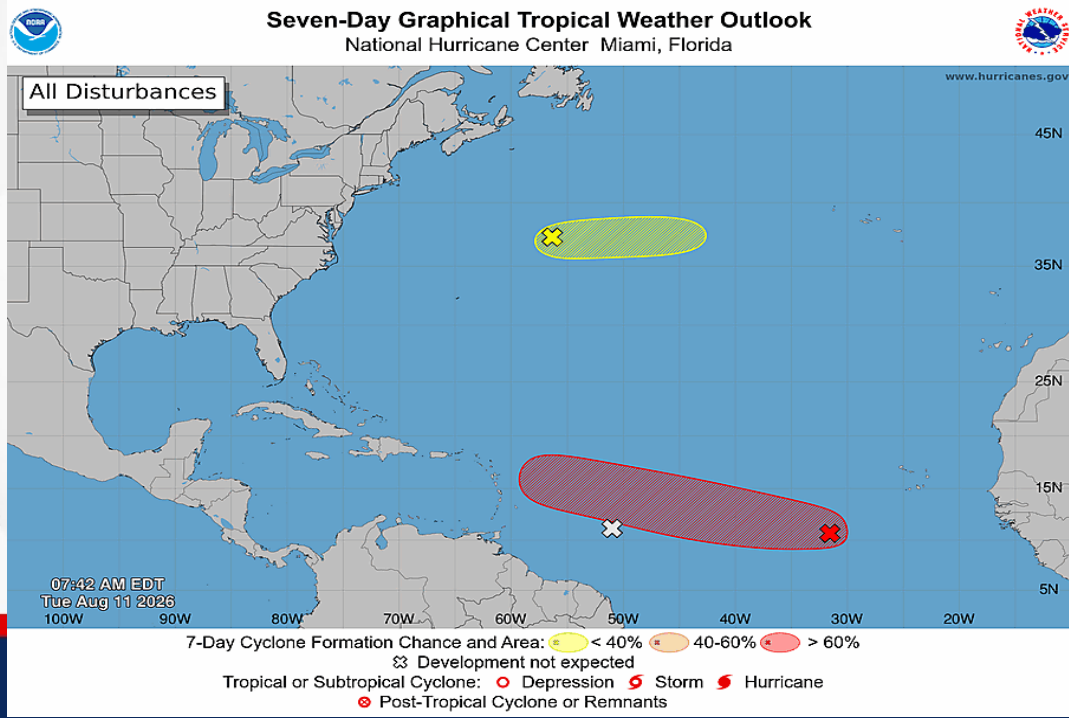
- Formation chances through 48 hours... **low... 30%.**
- Formation chances through 7 days... **high... 70%.**

East of the Windward Islands: Disorganized showers and thunderstorms associated with a tropical wave are located about 600 miles east of the Windward Islands. The system is expected to encounter a large area of environmental dry air as it approaches the Windward Islands, and development is not expected. Locally heavy rains and gusty winds will be possible in the Lesser Antilles during the next couple of days as the disturbance moves through the area.

- Formation chances through 48 hours... **low... near 0%.**
- Formation chances through 7 days... **low... near 0%.**

Central Subtropical Atlantic: A broad area of low pressure located several hundred miles northeast of Bermuda is producing disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Some development of this system is possible during the next couple of days while it moves eastward at around 20 mph across the central subtropical Atlantic. The system is forecast to reach cooler waters later this week, ending its chances of formation by Thursday.

- Formation chances through 48 hours... **low... 10%.**
- Formation chances through 7 days... **low... 10%.**





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for East Coast and eastern Panhandle beaches today. A low risk will persist for West Coast, western Panhandle, and Southeast Florida beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Surf near 1-3' is expected for all statewide beaches today.

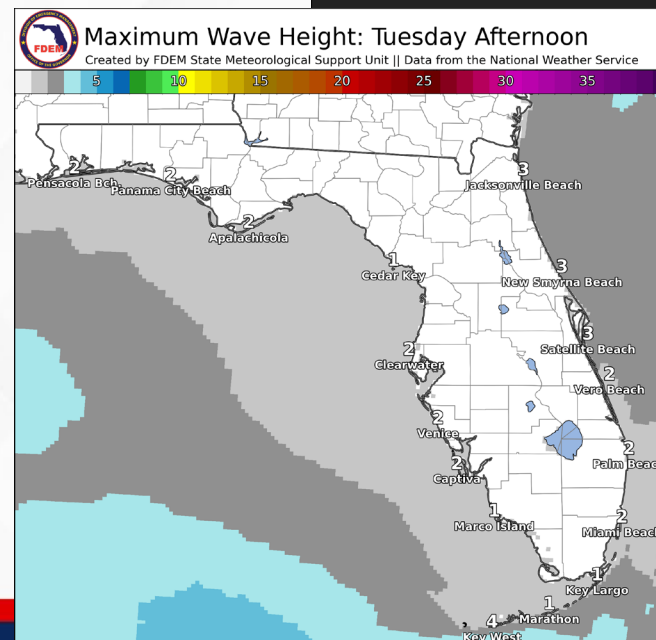
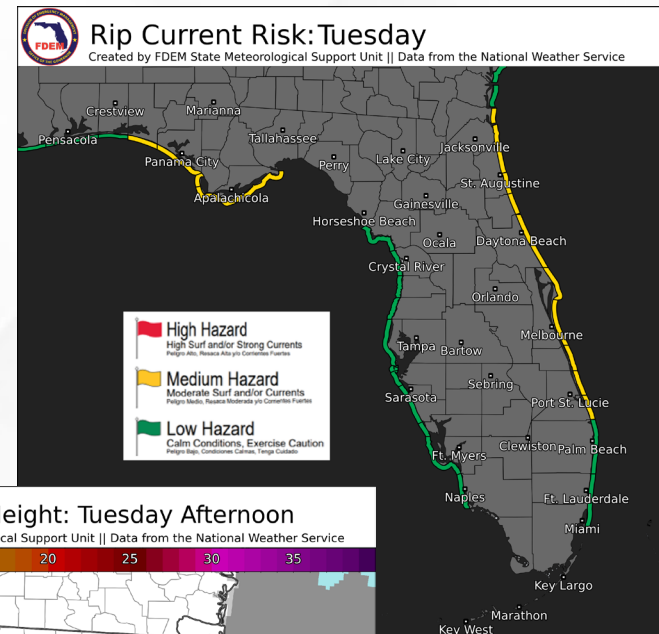
Red Tide: was observed at background concentrations in Hillsborough, Manatee, Charlotte, Collier, and Wakulla counties and background to low concentrations in Nassau and Duval counties (valid 8/7/26).

Coastal Flooding: A **Coastal Flood Statement** is in effect for the Lower Florida Keys for instances of **minor saltwater flooding** near and during times of high tide.

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. A few isolated to widely scattered showers and storms developing along the sea breezes this afternoon may contain brief **locally heavy downpours** which could lead to **nuisance flooding** in low-lying and poor drainage areas. Rainfall amounts will generally remain below 0.5" for areas that do receive isolated rainfall. Locally higher totals upwards of 1-1.5" cannot be ruled out. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

Riverine Flooding: There are no riverine concerns across the state. For more information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 11.05 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.85 feet below normal for this time of year.



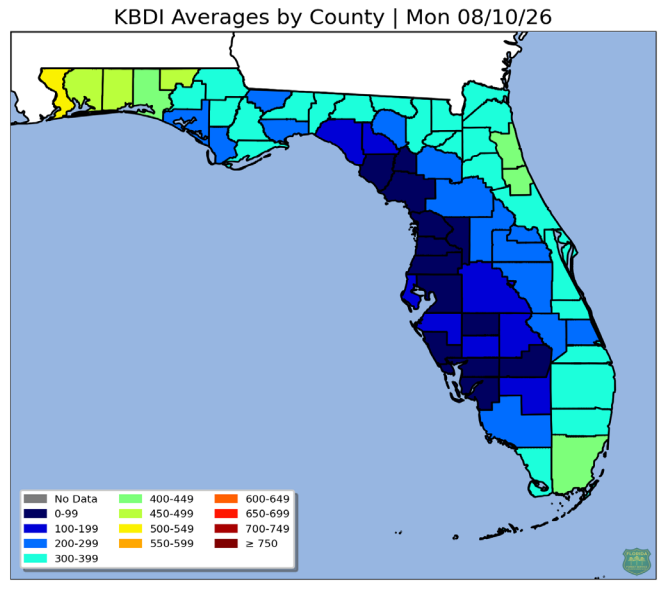
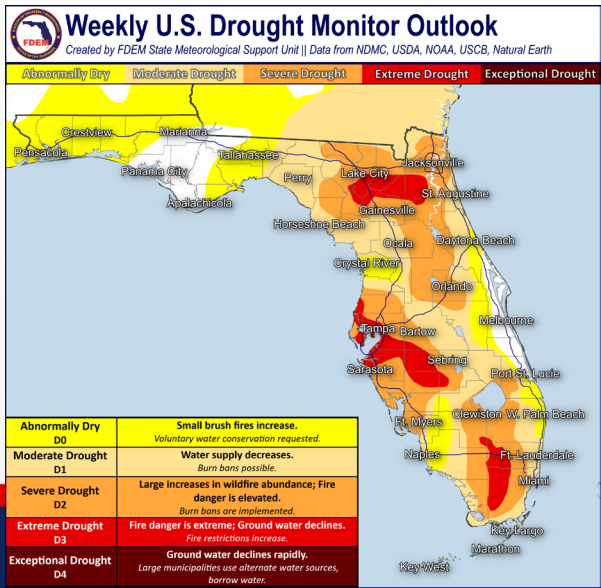


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: The overall wildfire threat will remain low today given relative humidities staying well above critical thresholds and winds remaining light. Isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected throughout much of the state today. Any thunderstorm activity may 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 13 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 2,681 acres.

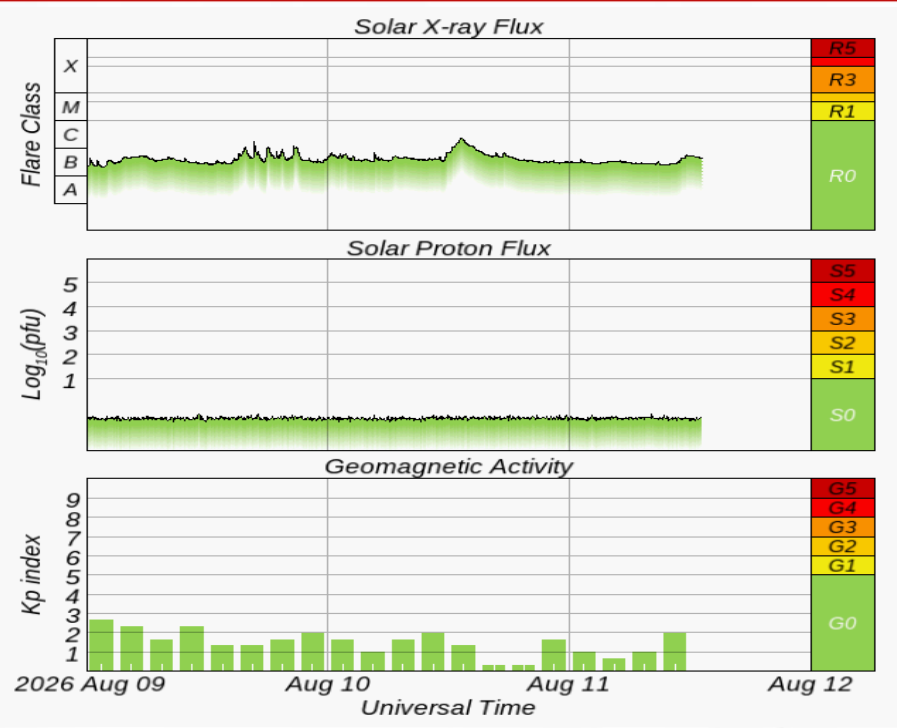
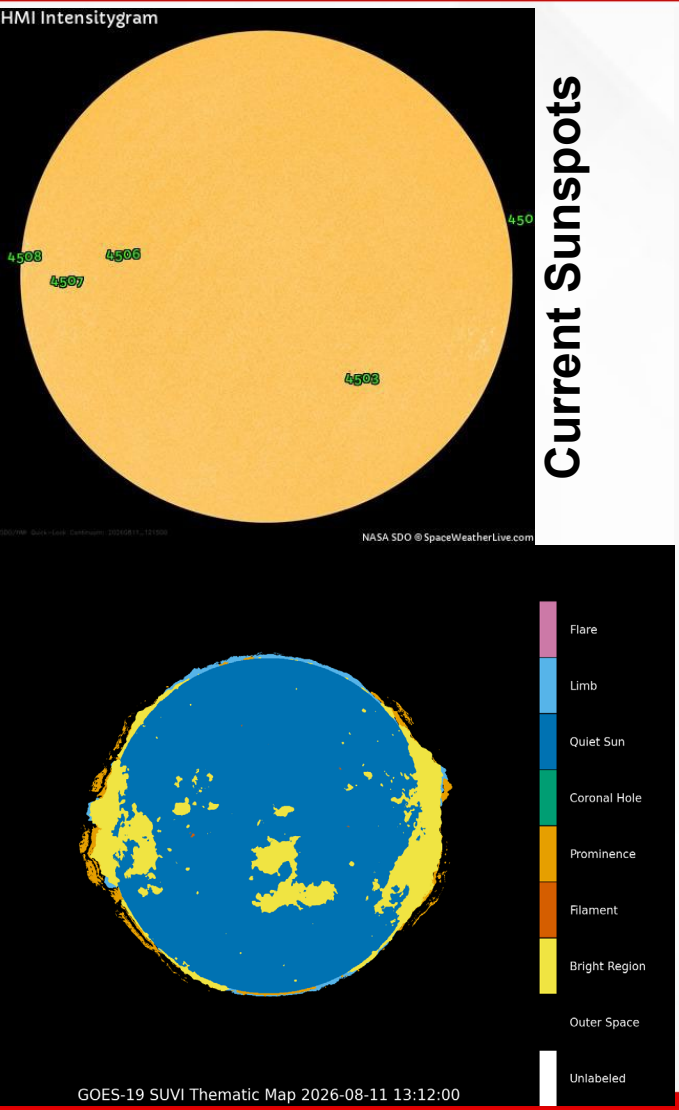
Drought (8/4/26): Notable categorical drought improvements were observed for many across the state this week as a slow-moving frontal boundary interacted with richly moist air to promote widespread heavy rainfall over the weekend. Widespread categorical improvements were observed within the Big Bend, with nearly all counties seeing a decrease of one categorical drought level. Large areas of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** within North-Central Florida was reduced to a **moderate to severe drought (level 2 of 4)** - particularly along the western edge of its area. The area of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** along the West Coast was trimmed down to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** in areas of Pasco, Hillsborough, Polk, and Sarasota counties. Localized areas of Nassau, Okeechobee, Highlands, and Glades counties saw a reduction from **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. Drought designation was removed entirely for areas along the Apalachicola River basin. D0 (*abnormally dry*) remains in place for the rest of the Florida Panhandle. The **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** was increased to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** within localized areas of Orange and Osceola counties. Little-to-no categorical drought changes were made elsewhere within the Eastern and Southern Peninsula where a more seasonable distribution of rainfall occurred over the past 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. 9% of the state remains in an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)**, a ~5% reduction from last week. 10% of the state is now under no drought designation, a ~6.5% increase from last week. Looking ahead, the state will settle into a more typical pattern of daily showers and thunderstorms, with most activity focused along the West Coast as easterly flow prevails. Drought improvements within this pattern will likely be minimal (if at all), with localized areas likely seeing gradual categorical drought degradations (*worsening drought*), especially along the East Coast and Western Panhandle.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **260 (+6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There is **1 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





Space Weather



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 1%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C2 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
8/11	8/12
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low to very low levels. Solar wind conditions are expected to decline towards nominal background conditions before the arrival of a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that left the Sun on Saturday brings enhanced conditions late on Wednesday and through Thursday. Mostly quiet geomagnetic conditions will prevail today before increasing to active to periods of G1 (minor) storming by Wednesday. Quiet to unsettled conditions will prevail on Thursday. 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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