



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, October 22, 2026



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 1: Full Activation



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Response Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Visits
Region 1: Jim Roberts	In Region	Isaias Follow-Up / NWS Mtg / Walton Co EM Mtg / RCT Mtg
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Liberty	County EM Meeting / Response Coordination Team Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Taylor	County EM Visit / Response Coordination Team Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Flagler	Instructional Planning Meeting / Response Coordination Team Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Orange	NWS Melbourne IWT Workshop / Response Coordination Team Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Manatee	County EM Director Meeting / Response Coordination Team Meeting
Region 7: Brian Carey	Hillsborough	Hospital Coalition Meeting / Response Coordination Team Meeting
Region 8: Keila Puello	Palm Beach	SRT CAP Assessment (Boca Raton FR) / Response Coordination Team Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Sarasota	Higher Education Working Group Mtg / Response Coordination Team Mtg
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Executive Leadership Support / Response Coordination Team Meeting



Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Hurricane Isaias Recovery Escambia/Santa Rosa
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	EM Meetings
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Walton	Hurricane Isaias Recovery Liason
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Duval	NE FL COAD Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Hurricane Isaias Support/ Admin Duties
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Santa Rosa	Hurricane Isaias Recovery Liason
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	Santa Rosa	Hurricane Isaias Demobilization

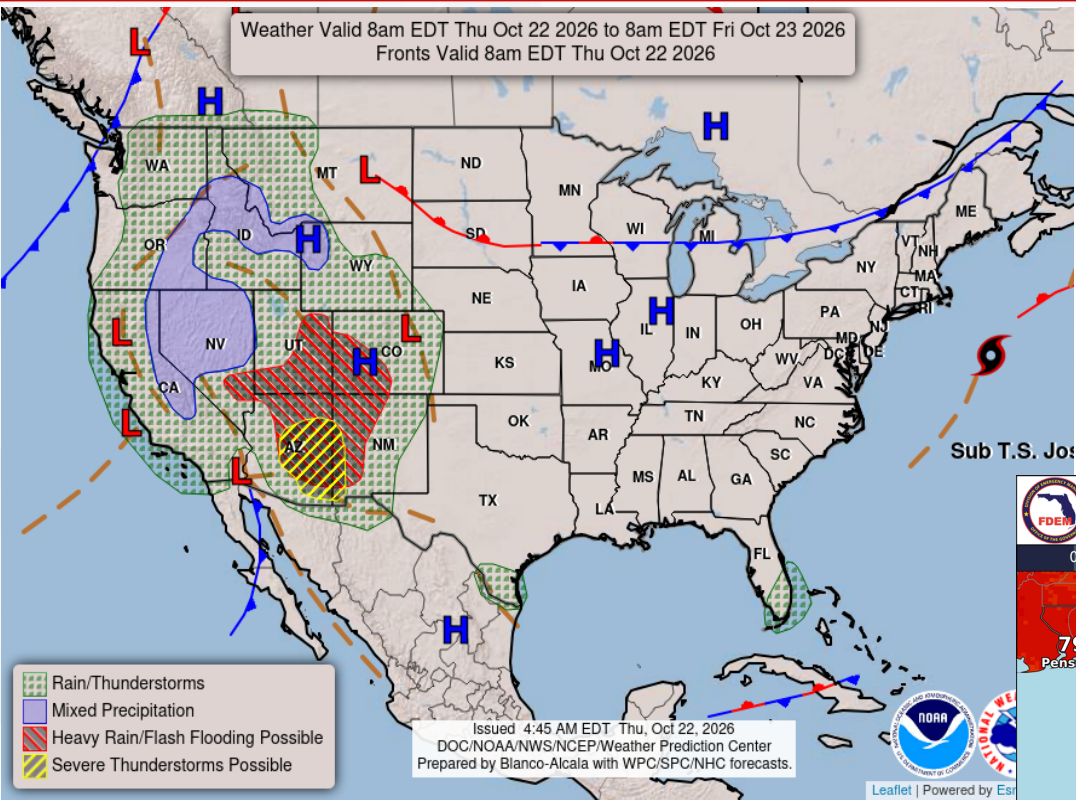
Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2

Region 7, 8, & 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

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

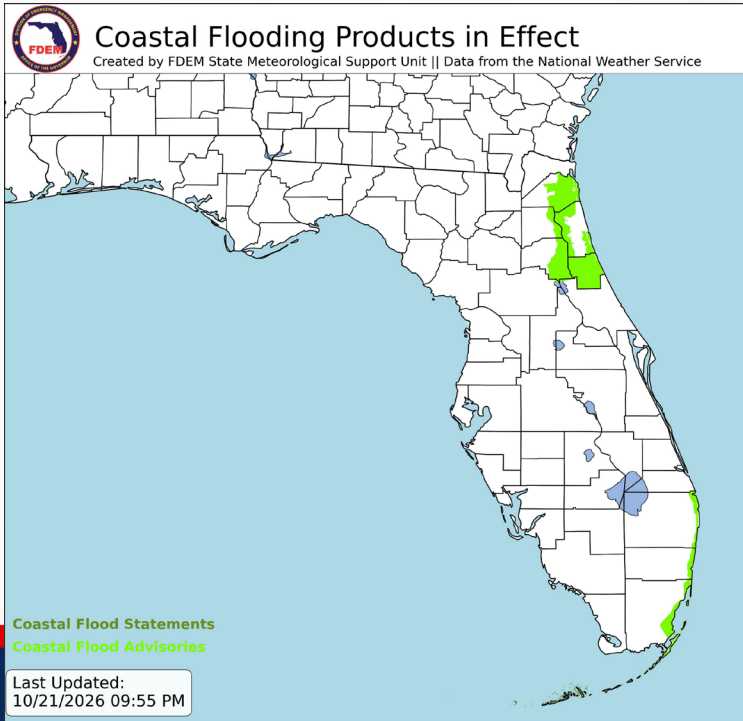
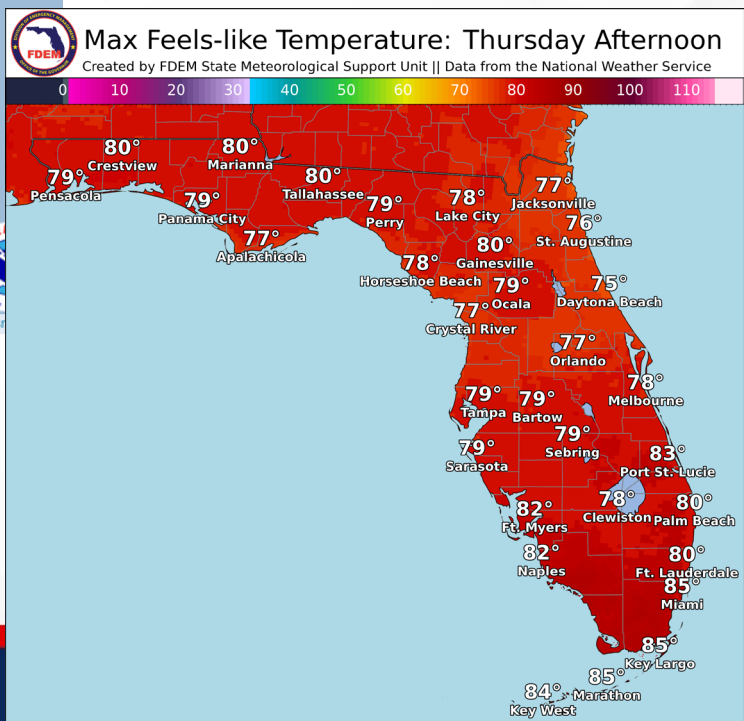


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning								L		L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding								L		L
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	L	L	L							
Rip Currents	L	M		H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.5ft. (2.56 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	167 (+11) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





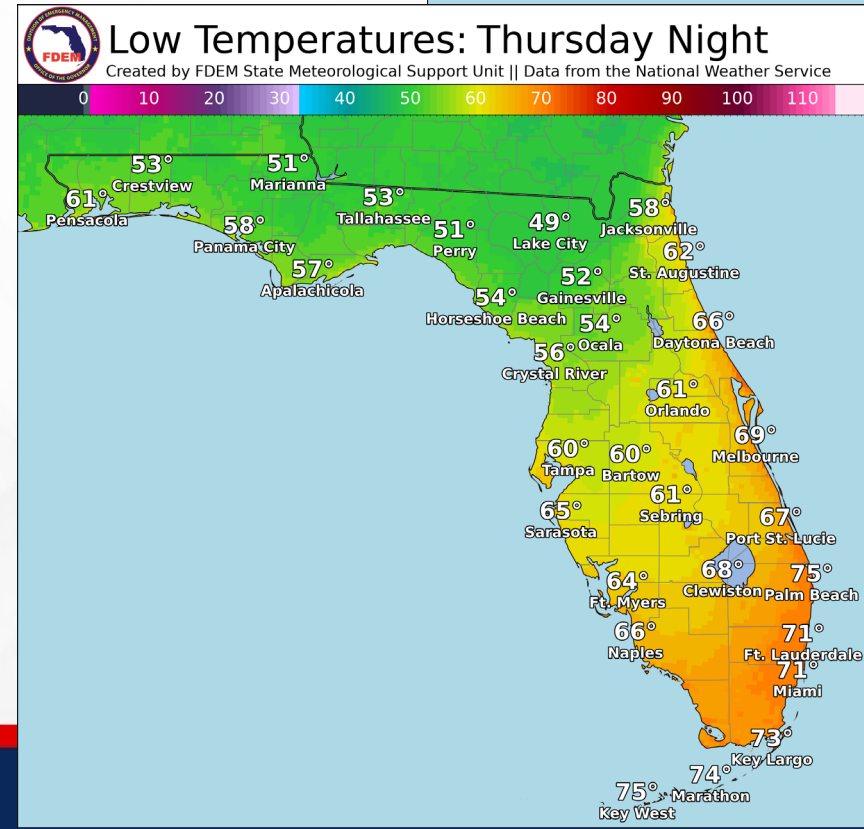
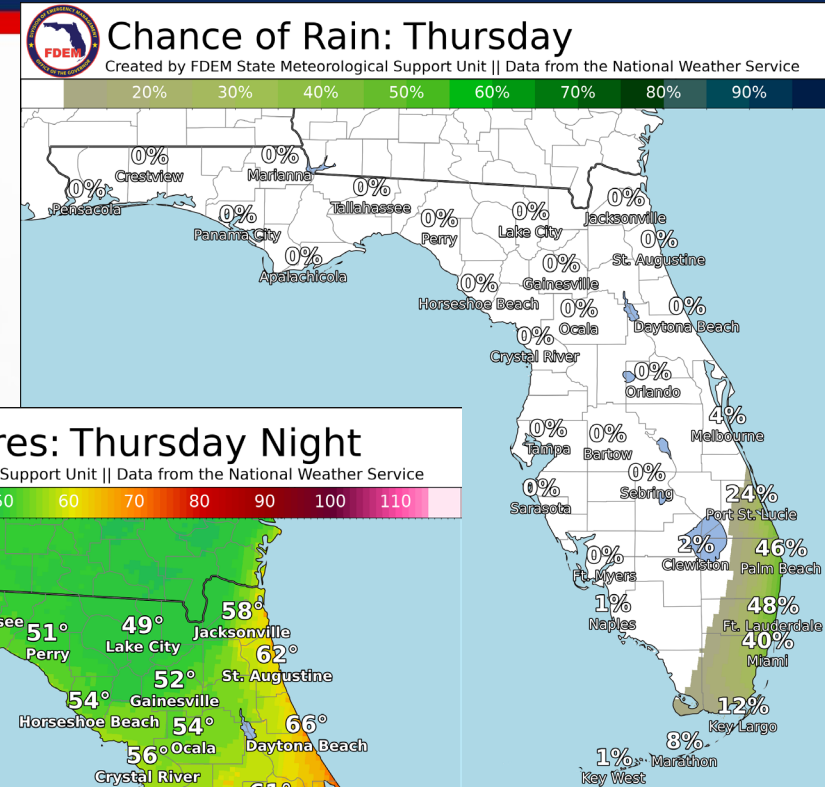
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

With lower pressure south of the Florida Keys today, moderate easterly flow will prevail along East Coast Beaches statewide. This will lead to low to scattered rain chances along the immediate Florida Southeast Coast, with the highest **(30-40 percent)** across portions of Southeast Florida. Very low relative humidities will lead to a low risk of fire weather across the Florida Panhandle.

Otherwise, a mostly pleasant day is in store with warmer highs across North Florida in the lower 80s and overnight lows in the low 50s, with mid 50s expected in coastal spots. Warmer temperatures are expected across Central and South Florida with highs generally in the low to mid 80s, overnight lows in the 60s across Central Florida, and lower 70s across South Florida.

Moderate easterly winds of **15-20 mph** will continue to create dangerous marine conditions along the Florida East Coast. **High surf advisories** remain in effect along the entire Florida East Coast along with a **High Risk of Life-Threatening Rip Currents**. **Minor coastal flooding** continues throughout the Tidal St Johns Basin as well Southeast Florida where a **Coastal Flood Advisory** is in effect





Tropical Weather

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

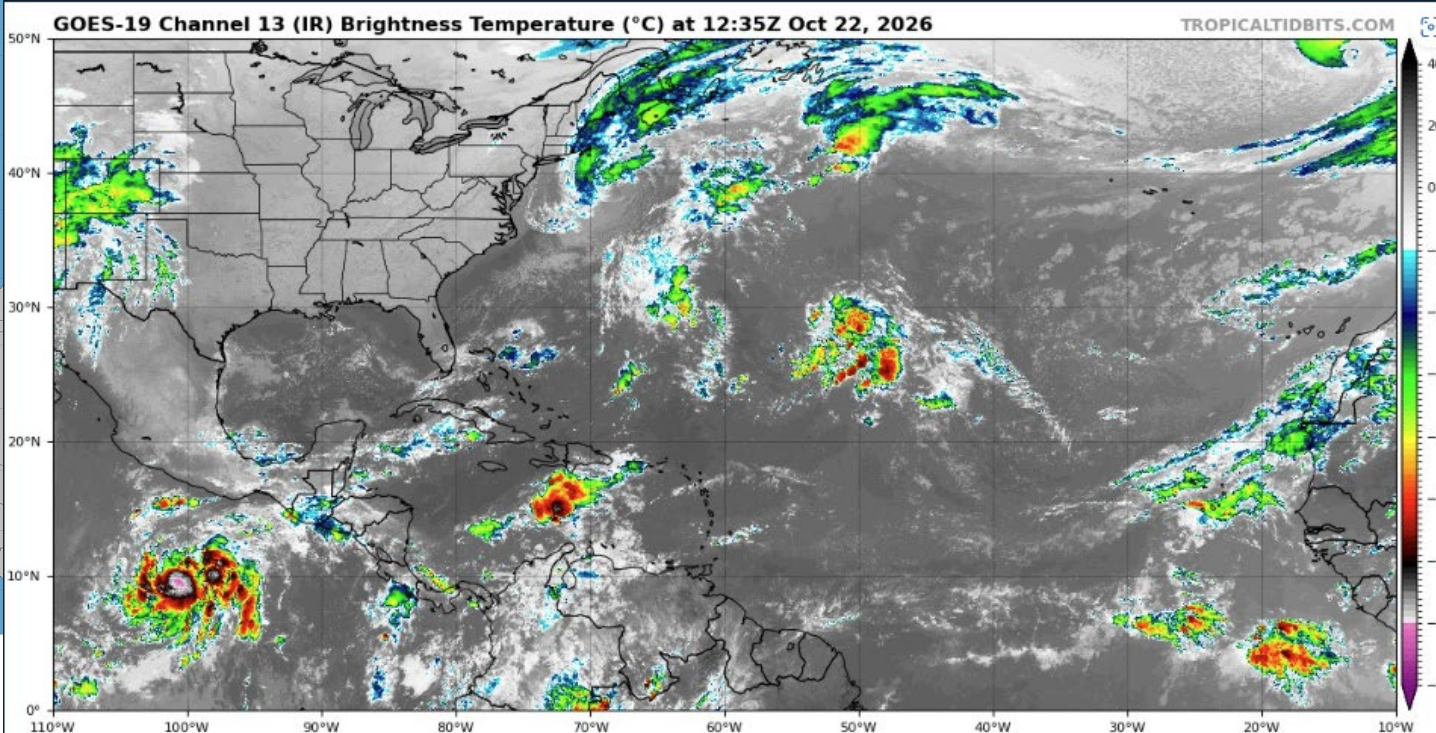
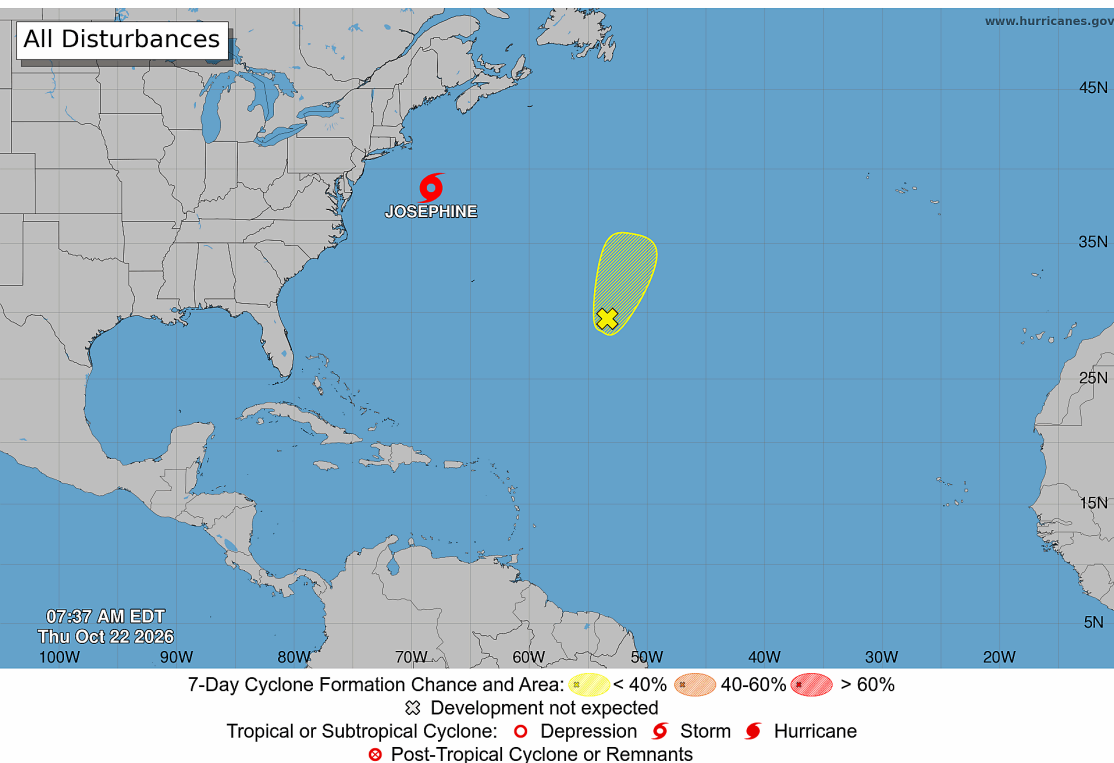
Subtropical Storm Josephine: Maximum sustained winds are near 65 mph (100 km/h) with higher gusts. Some additional strengthening is forecast through the day today while Josephine begins to transition to an extratropical cyclone. Josephine is expected to become a powerful extratropical cyclone with hurricane-force winds by early Friday. **There is no threat to Florida from this system.**

Disturbance 1: A trough of low pressure located several hundred miles to the east-southeast of Bermuda is producing a large area of disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Formation chances over the next 48 hours: **Low...10 percent**
Formation chances over the next 7 days: **Low...10 percent**

Current Satellite Imagery



Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: There is a **High Risk for Rip Currents** today across all East Coast Beaches. A **Moderate Risk for Rip Currents** is outlooked across portions of the Florida Panhandle and Big Beaches, although the risk has decreased from yesterday. A low risk for rip currents is outlooked for all West Coast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Dangerous marine conditions** continue today with easterly winds of **15-20 knots** along the Atlantic Coast. A **Small Craft Advisory** is in effect for all Atlantic Coastal Waters south of Flagler county. Wave heights will be highest across East Coast FL today, at **6-8'**. Wave heights of **2-3'** are expected for all other Florida beaches as northeasterly winds remain across the state.

Red Tide: Red tide was observed at background concentrations in Hillsborough and Sarasota Counties (10/16).

Coastal Flooding: A **coastal flood advisory** is in effect for **Moderate flooding** today along the St Johns River and Intracoastal Waterway in Northeast Florida as well as Coastal Southeast Florida. Inundation of low-lying areas along the tidal portion of the river is expected around the time of high tide

Flash Flooding: No flash flooding threats are expected today.

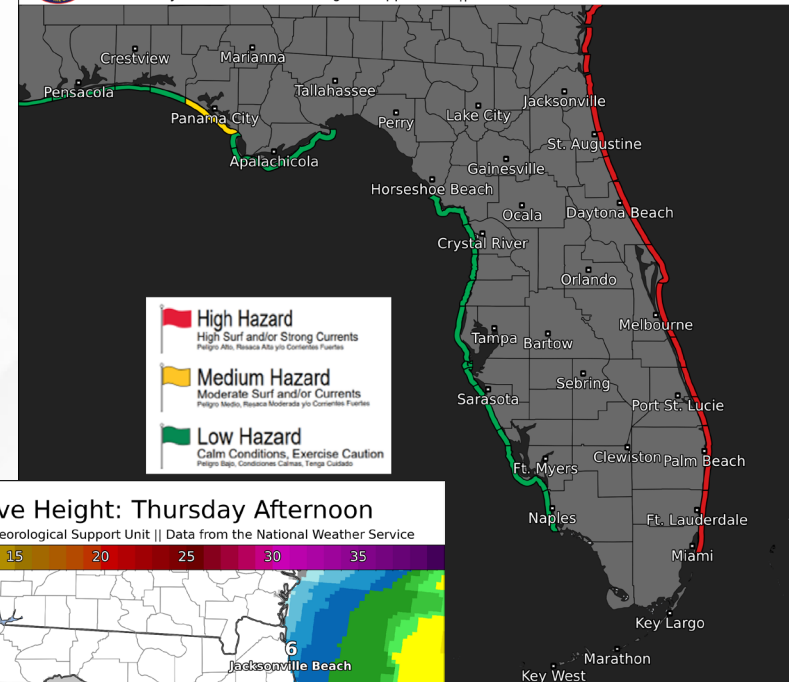
Riverine Flooding: The [St Johns River at Astor](#) is in **moderate flood stage** and is expected to rise further later this week from increasing northeasterly winds this weekend. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.5 feet, which is 2.56 feet below normal for this time of year and in the water shortage management band.



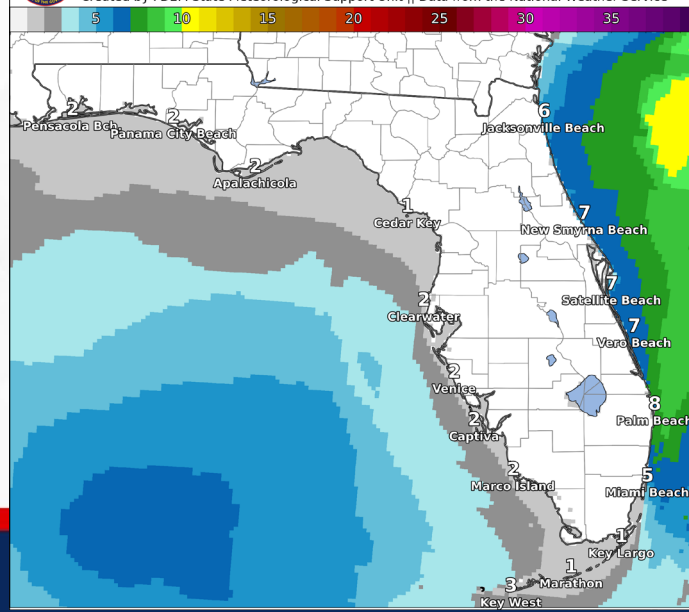
Rip Current Risk: Thursday

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Maximum Wave Height: Thursday Afternoon

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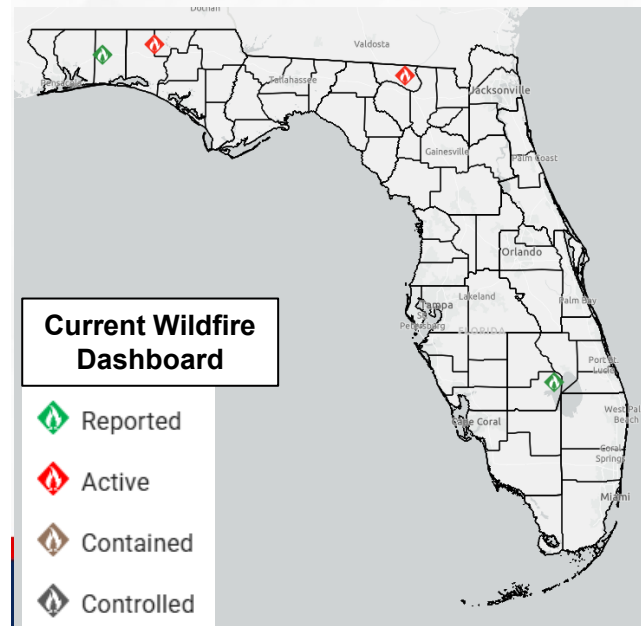
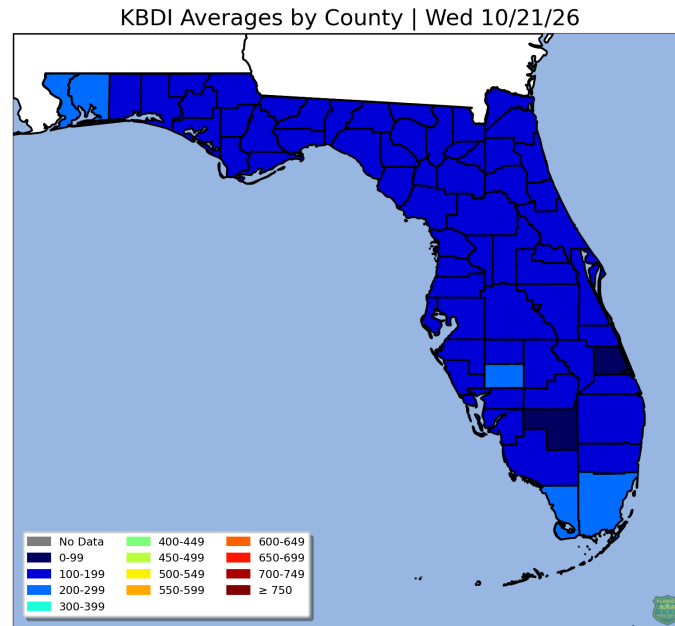
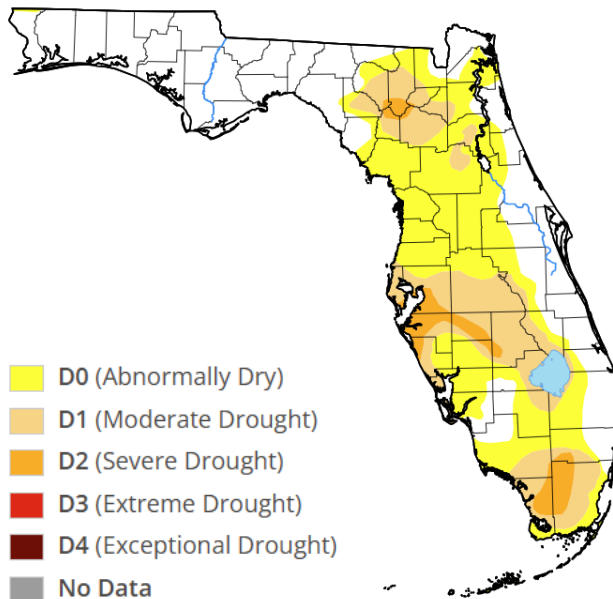


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry conditions are expected across much of North Florida today. Afternoon relative humidity values are expected to drop into the **20-25 percent**. While winds will only be modest, out of the northeast around 10 mph and recent rainfall has soils moist, the low relative humidity **will support development of or the spread of any wildfires**. This concern is increased for any debris burning across the Florida Panhandle. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 5 active wildfire across the state burning approximately 6.5 acres.

Drought (10/22/26): Minimal drought improvements were made this week across much of the state. 1 category improvement in pockets of Hendry and Collier county led to a smaller area of **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** in the region. Only a small remaining spot of **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** across the lower Santa Fe Basin, surrounded by an area of **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** across the remainder of the Santa Fe River Basin. Along the Florida West Coast, no category drought improvement were designated through the Tampa metro southward to Fort Myers resulted in only a small area of **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** from Tampa southward to Sarasota and just south of Sebring. Surrounding this area over the Florida interior along the Kissimmee River into Lake Okeechobee is an area of **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. Much of the state remains unchanged this week. Only about 5% of the state remains in **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. About 42% of the state has no drought designation.

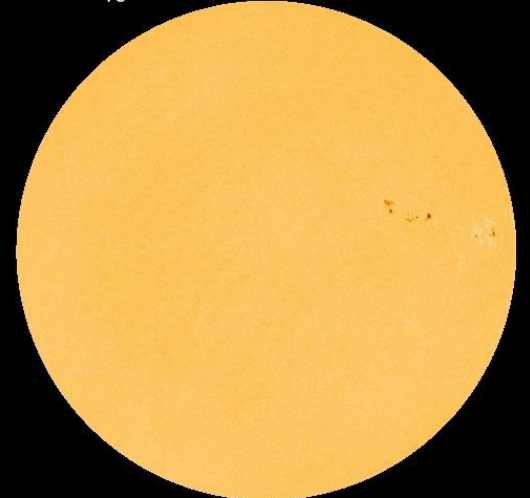
The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida on Tuesday was **167 (+11)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





Space Weather

HMI Intensitygram



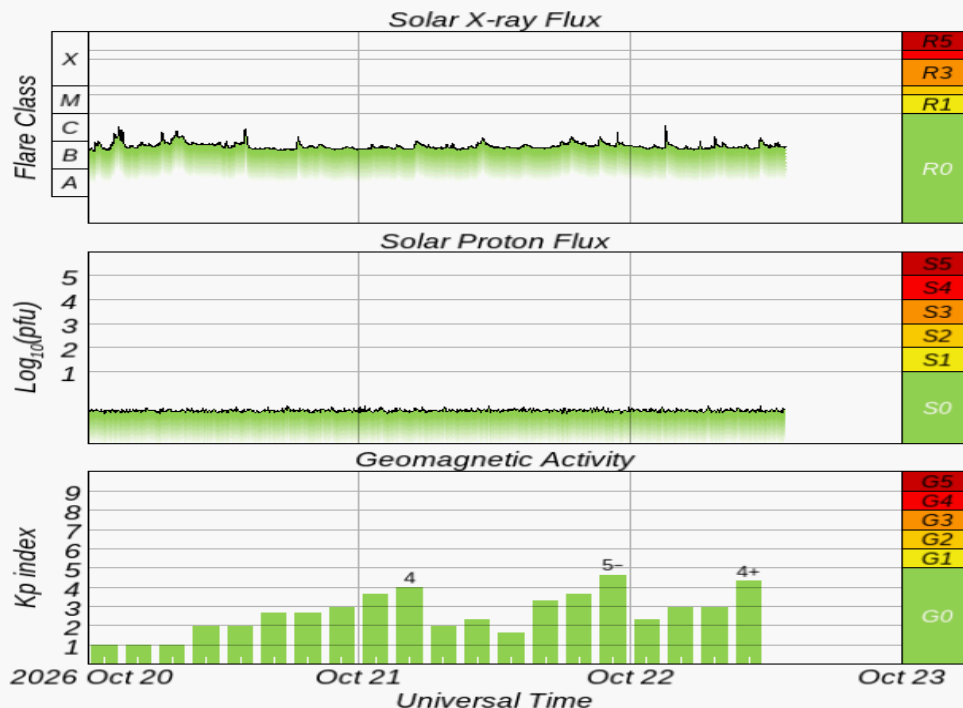
Current Sunspots

SDO/HMI Quick-Look Continuum 20261022_123000

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GOES-19 SUVI Thematic Map 2026-10-22 13:48:00



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 20%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C3 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	None

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
10/22	10/23
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is still expected to be at low levels through 23 Oct, with slight chances for M-class flares and a very low chance for X-class flares. Solar wind conditions decline, with waning on 22 Oct and with near normal conditions starting on 23 Oct. G0 levels will continue today and active conditions are expected until 23 Oct. The overall space weather threat to Florida is 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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