Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, November 6, 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	Taylor	FSG USAR Full Scale Exercise
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Taylor	FSG USAR Full Scale Exercise
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Taylor	FSG USAR Full Scale Exercise
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Charlotte	FALLEX TTX / Return to Region 6 Travel
Region 7: Brian Carey	Okeechobee	Flood Response
Region 8: Keila Puello	Palm Beach	Plane Crash & Flood Response / Quarterly Meeting Prep
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Charlotte	FALLEX TTX
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	NWS El Nino Meeting

Region 4 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 3
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable

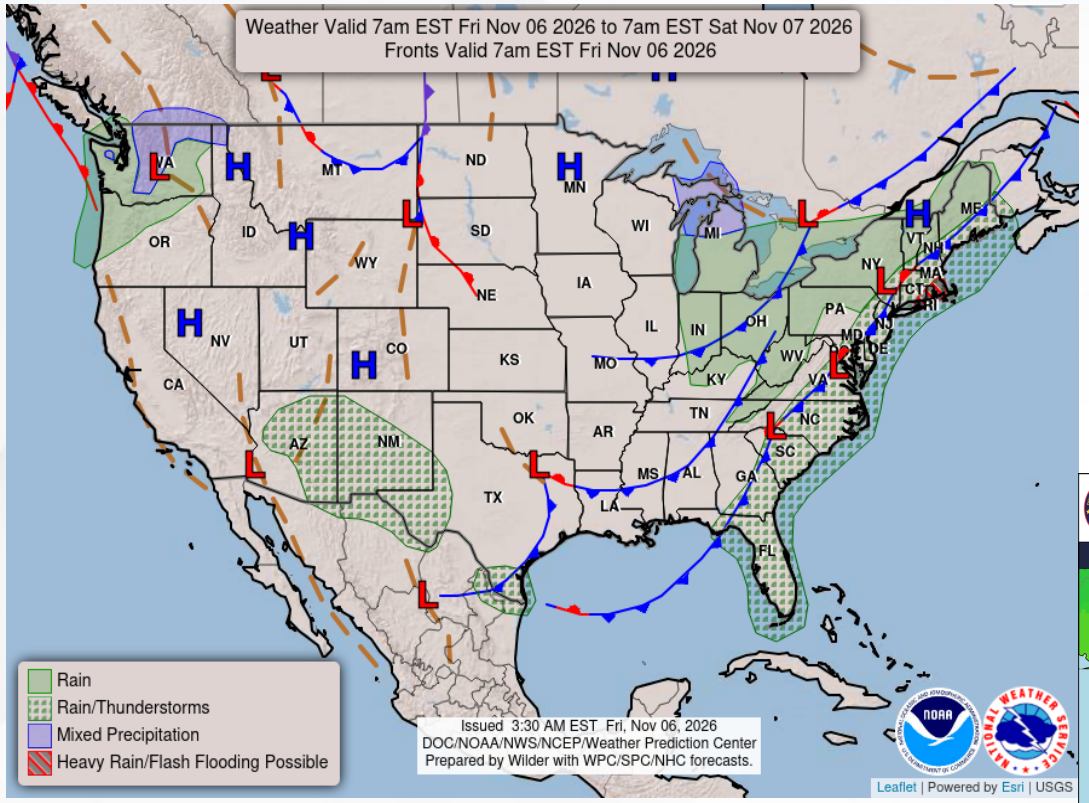
Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	**Walton**	**Isaias Recovery**
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	**Leon**	**Vehicle Maintenance**
Region 3: Kevin Blom	**Taylor**	**Table Top Exercise Evaluator**
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	**Brevard**	**Fall Flooding Deployment**
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	**N/A**	**N/A (See Coverage)**
Region 6: Rick Rogers	**Okeechobee**	**EOC - Recovery Liaison**
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	**Palm Beach**	**EOC - Recovery Liaison**

Region 4, 5, 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 10
Region 8 & 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

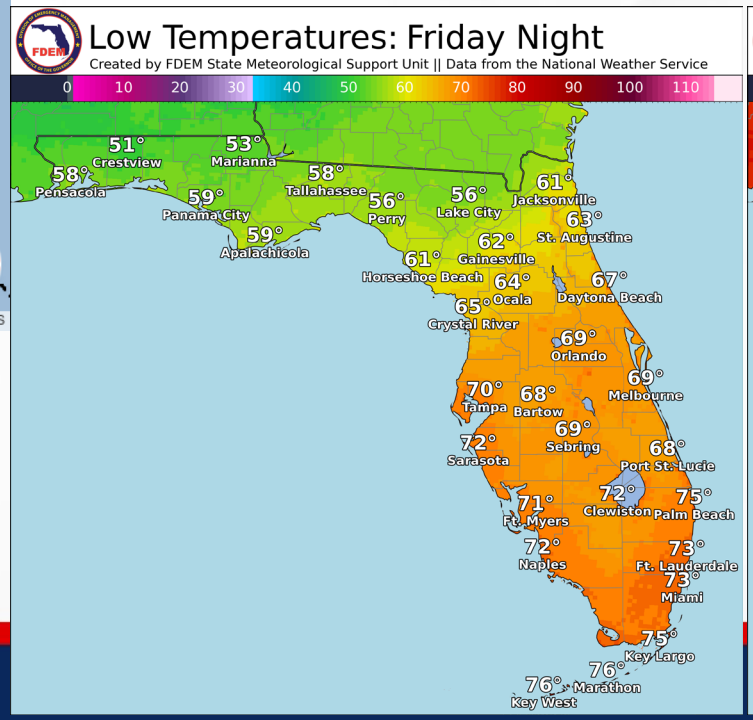
Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

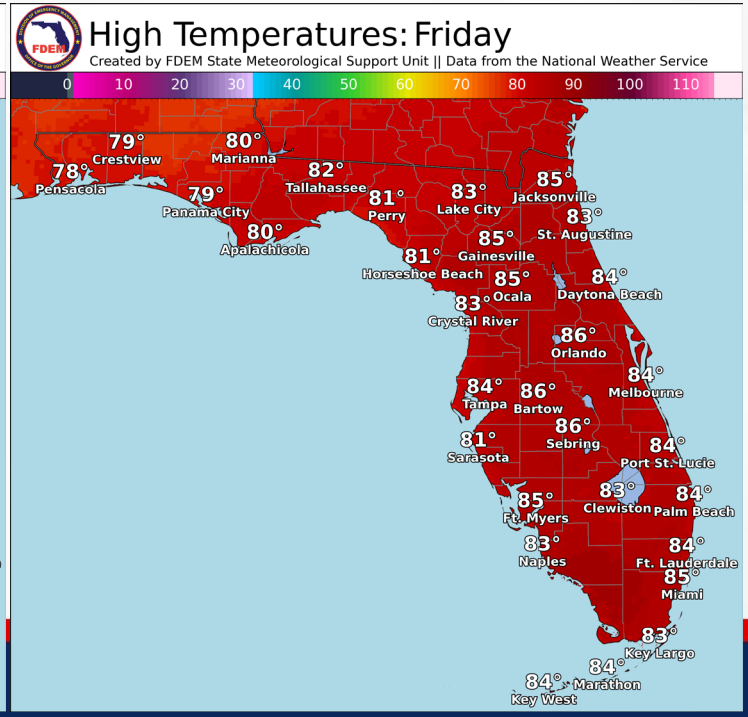
Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning			L	L						
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)			L		L	L				
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	H	L		H	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.95ft. (1.10 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	133 (+5) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





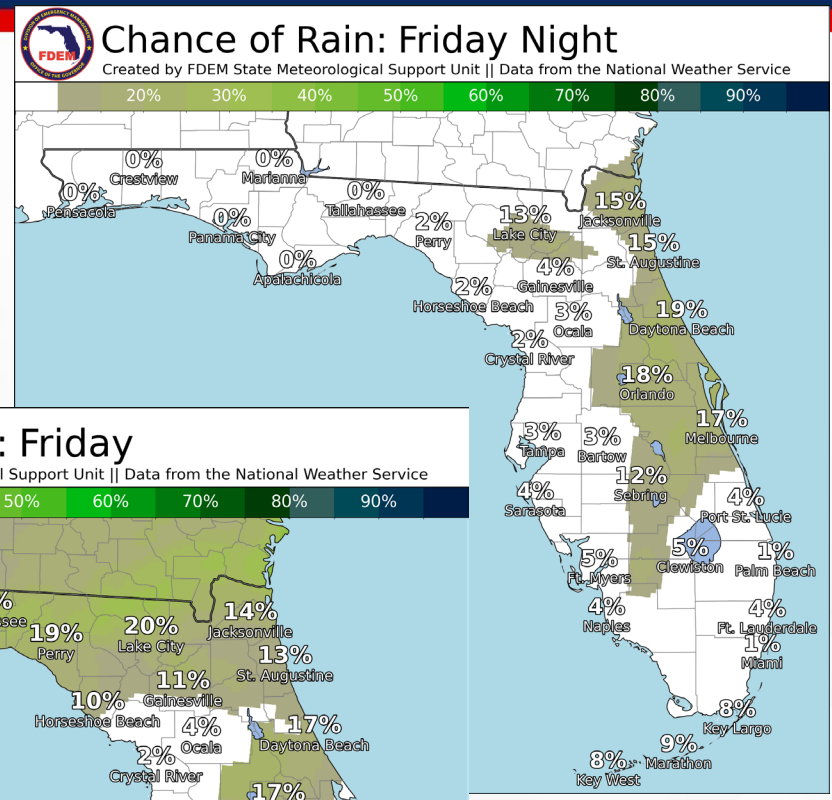
Meteorology Summary

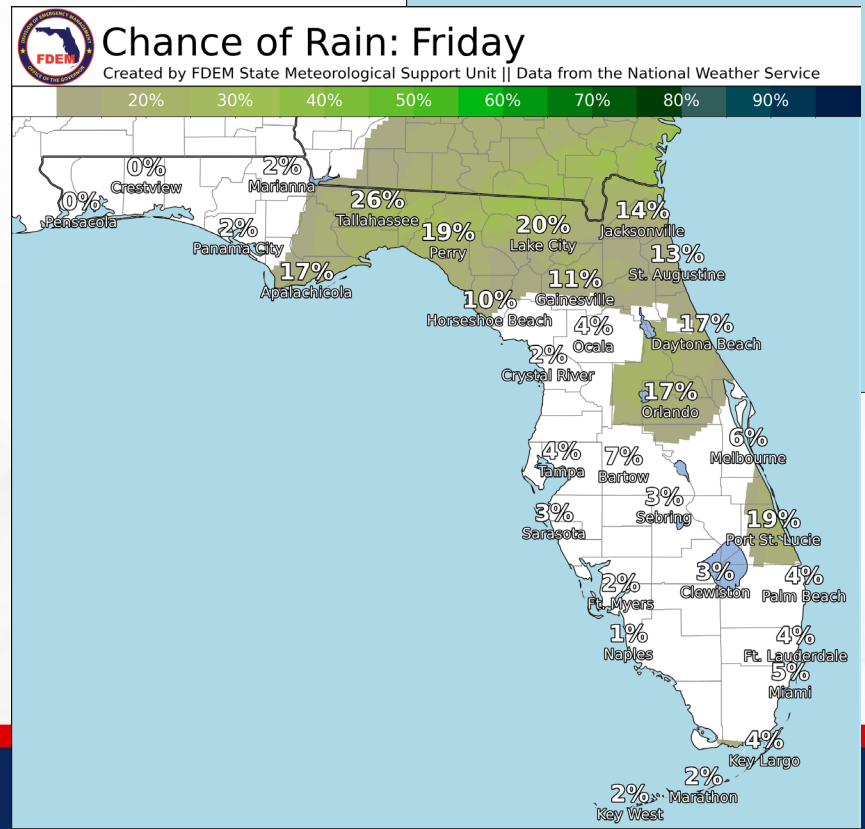
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A slow-moving cold front is draped across the Central Panhandle this morning. As the front treks eastward, rain chances will be isolated along the front. Radar imagery is tracking a weak broken line of showers moving east of Tallahassee. Rain chances behind the front will drop to 0%, while ahead of the front rain chances are 10-30% across the Big Bend and North Florida. Across the rest of the state, rain chances remain low as well with a few possible quick showers across the Peninsula. During the overnight hours, as the front progresses, rain chances increase to 10-20% across Northeast Florida and remain near 10% in the Peninsula.

Temperatures remain unseasonably warm across much of the state. Highs today across the Panhandle will be in the upper 70s to low 80s, while temperatures will be in the mid 80s across Central Florida. Across the Panhandle, overnight lows in the Western Panhandle will be in the lower 50s but remain in the upper 50s for the Central Panhandle. Across the Peninsula, low will range from the upper 50s across the Big Bend to middle 70s across South Florida, with coastal spots trending warmer.

A **Coastal Flood Statement** is in effect for the Florida Keys and Southeast Florida for **minor coastal flooding**. Low lying areas and areas prone to coastal flooding could see impacts.





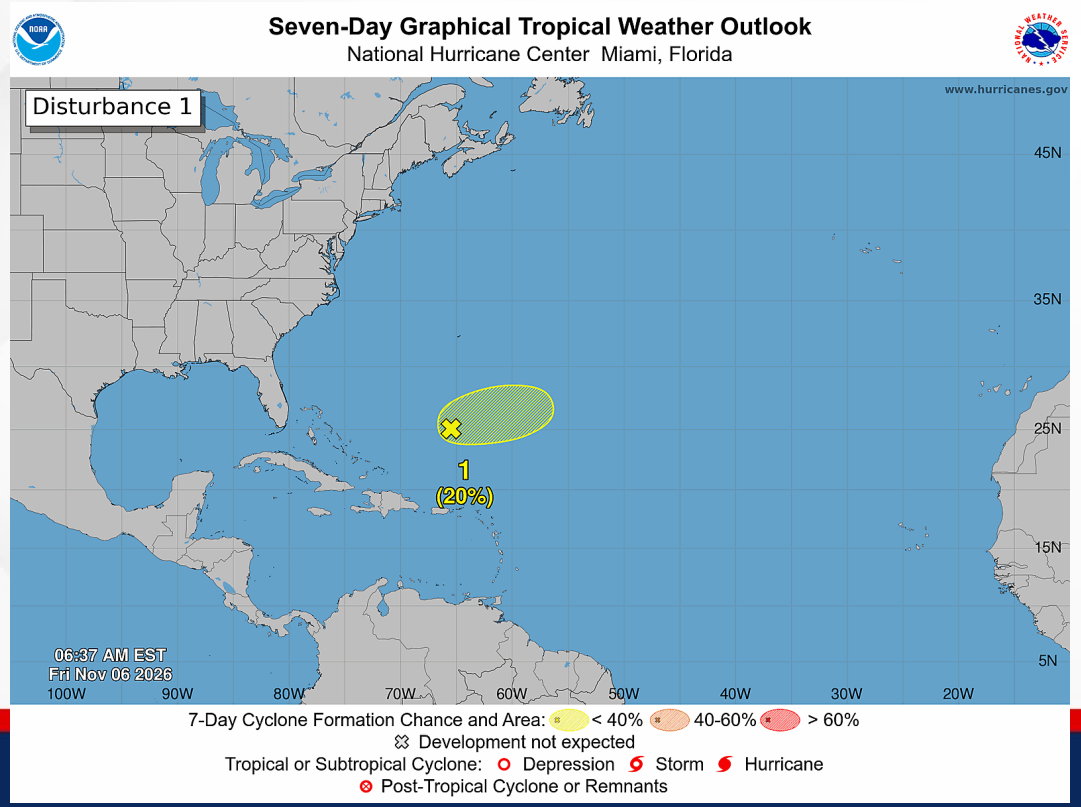
Tropical Weather

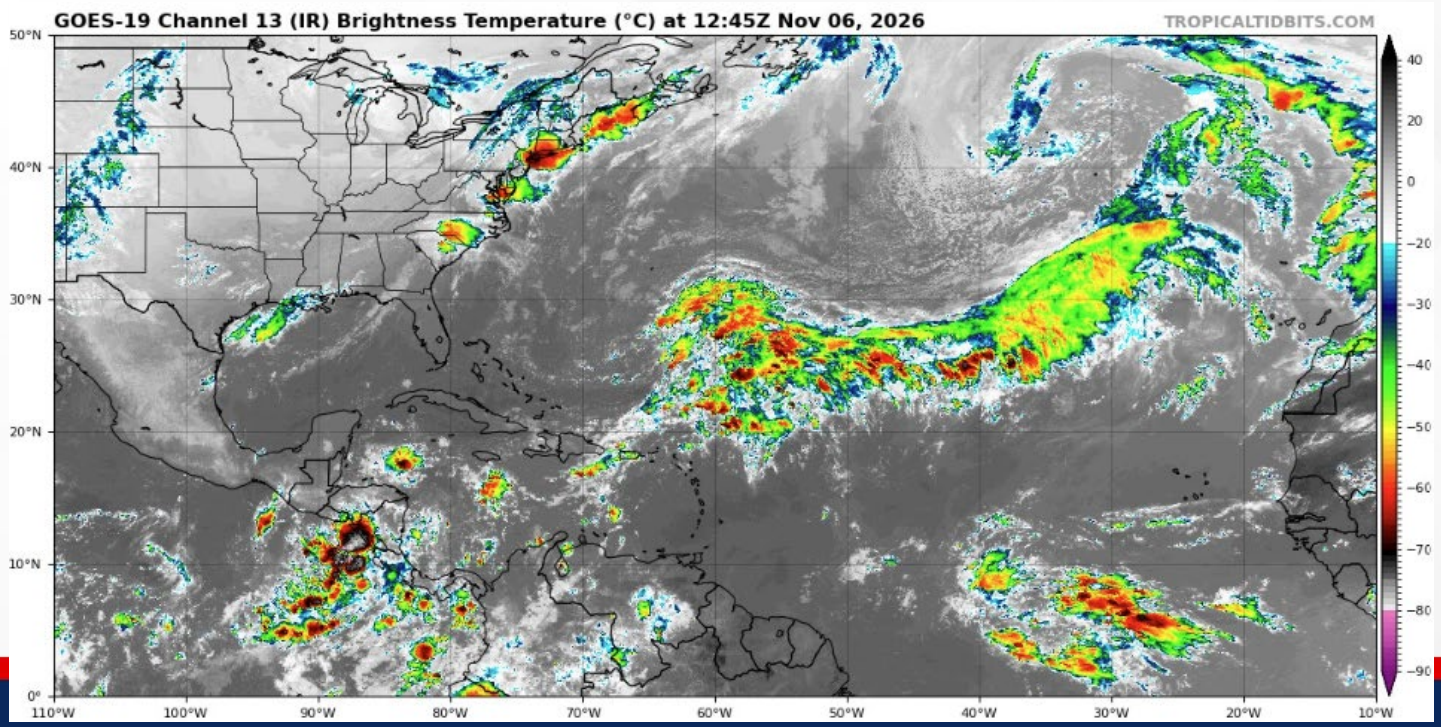
For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

Western Atlantic:

A broad, non-tropical low-pressure area located a few hundred miles south of Bermuda is producing some disorganized convection mainly to the east of its center. Environmental conditions could support this system gradually acquiring subtropical characteristics through this weekend while it moves slowly eastward over the western and central subtropical Atlantic. By early next week, environmental conditions are forecast to become unfavorable for further development. ***This system poses no threat to Florida.***

- Formation chance through 48 hours...**low...20 percent.**
- Formation chance through 7 days... **low...20 percent.**





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: There is a **High Risk for Rip Currents** today for Central East coast beaches. A **Moderate Risk for Rip Currents** is outlooked for Northeast Beaches, Southeast Beaches, and Central Panhandle Beaches. A low risk for rip currents is outlooked across the West Coast, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Western Panhandle Beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Improving marine conditions continue today with light winds and calmer seas. Light winds are expected today with easterly winds of **5-10 knots** along the Atlantic Coast. Wave heights will be highest across the East Coast FL today north of Palm Beach County, at **3-5'**. Wave heights will lower along the Panhandle with lighter winds of 5 knots, at around **1-3',** and along the West Coast of Florida, at **1-3'.**

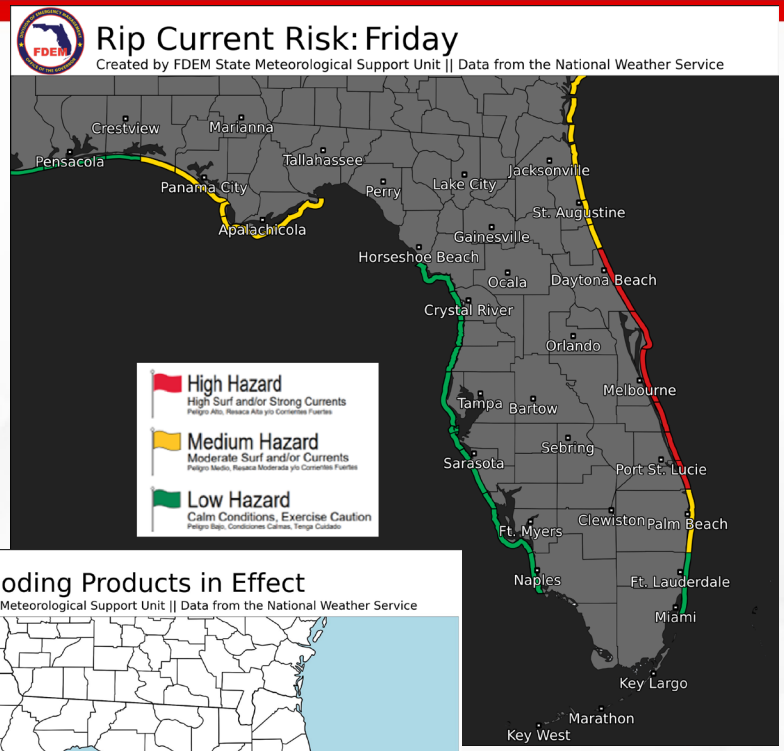
Red Tide: Red tide was observed at background concentrations in Escambia, Okaloosa, and Franklin Counties and medium concentrations in Gulf and Bay County. (10/30).

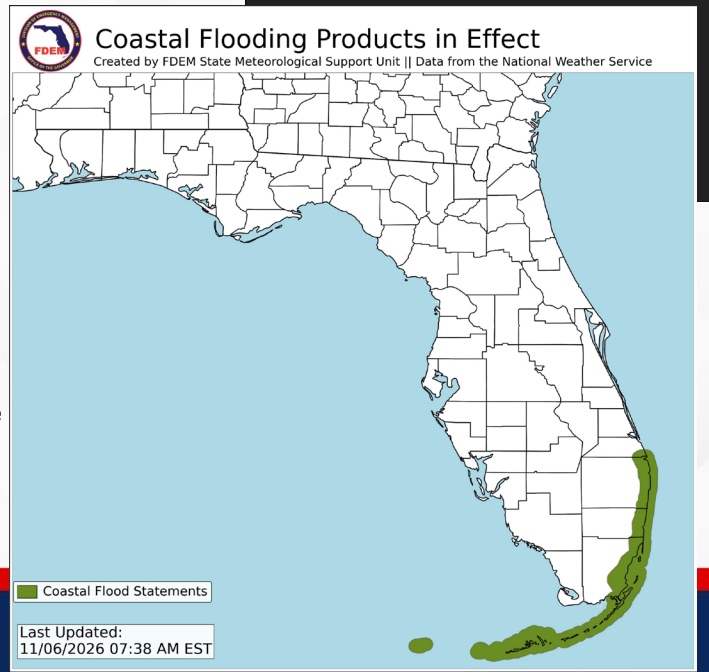
Coastal Flooding: A **Coastal Flood Statement** is in effect for Southeast Florida and the Upper Keys for **minor coastal flooding**.

Flash Flooding: There is no risk of Flash Flooding today. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

Riverine Flooding: The Peace River at Arcadia has crested but remains in **Major Flood Stage**. The St Johns River at Astor remains in **Moderate Flood Stage.** This gauge is expected to remain at moderate stage for at least the next week. Due to the recent flooding, the St Johns River above Lake Harney is forecast to reach **Moderate Flood Stage** tomorrow and for the near future. Additionally, the St Johns River near Cocoa is already in **Moderate Flood Stage** and is expected to crest at **Major Flood Stage** in the morning hours on Friday. The St. Johns River near Sanford is forecast to reach **Minor Flood Stage** with the potential to go higher. The St. Johns River near Deland is forecast to reach **Minor Flood Stage** with the potential to go higher. For information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.95 feet, which is 1.10 feet below normal for this time of year and in the water shortage management band.



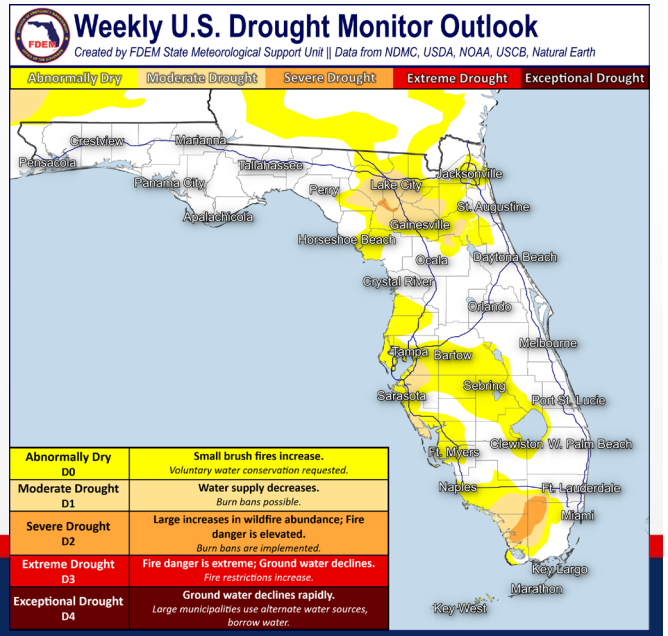


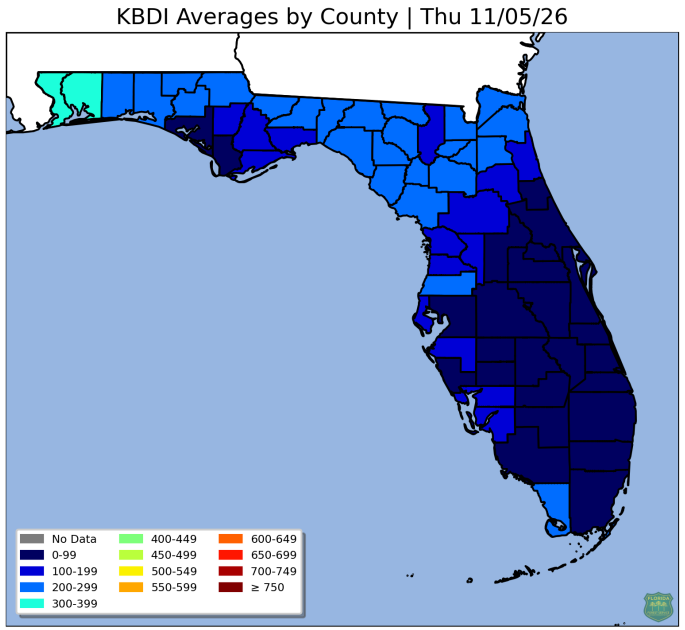
Drought & Fire Weather

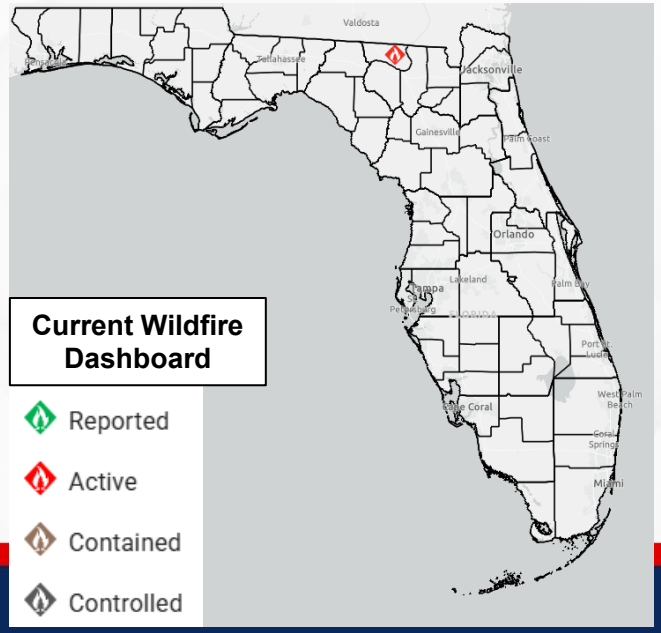
Fire Weather: No fire weather concerns are in the forecast today as a weak and slow-moving frontal boundary brings widespread rainfall across the Panhandle with higher relative humidities. According to the Florida Forest Service, there are 1 active wildfire, across the state burning approximately 2060 acres.

Drought (11/5/26): Significant drought improvements were made this week across much of the Peninsula due to the abundance of rain. 1 category improvement in much of Central Florida led to no drought in the region. 1 and 2 category improvements in South Florida led to a smaller area of **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** and **severe drought (level 2 of 4**) in the Everglades between Monroe and Miami-Dade County. Along the Florida West Coast, 1 and 2 category drought improvements through the Tampa metro southward to Fort Myers and eastward throughout Polk and Highlands Counties, resulted in only a small area of **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** near Port Charlotte and Cape Coral. There was not any improvement to the Santa Fe River Basin this week. A small area of in **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** remains in North Central Florida. Much of the state saw dramatic improvement especially along the Peninsula. Only about 1% of the state remains in **severe drought (level 2 of 4).** About 63% of the state has no drought designation.

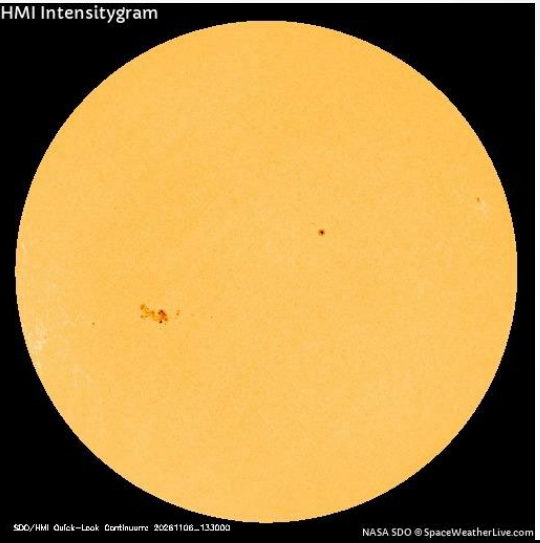
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida on Tuesday was **133** **(+5)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). Most increases occurred across Central and South Florida, including the Florida East Coast. There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).



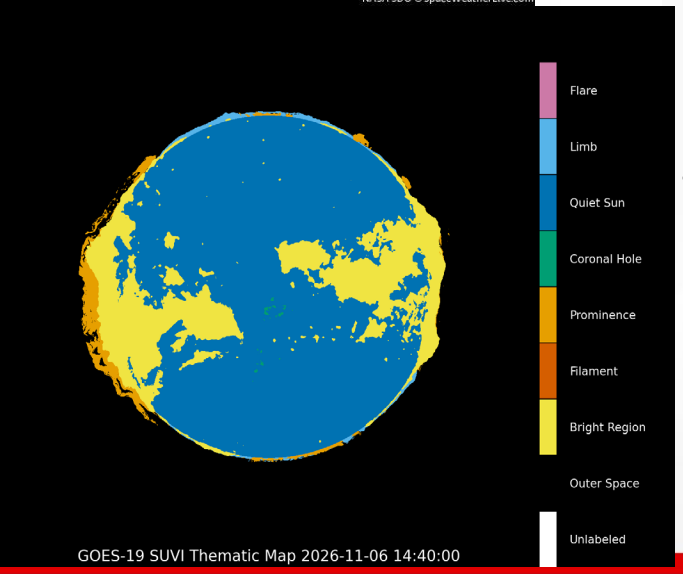


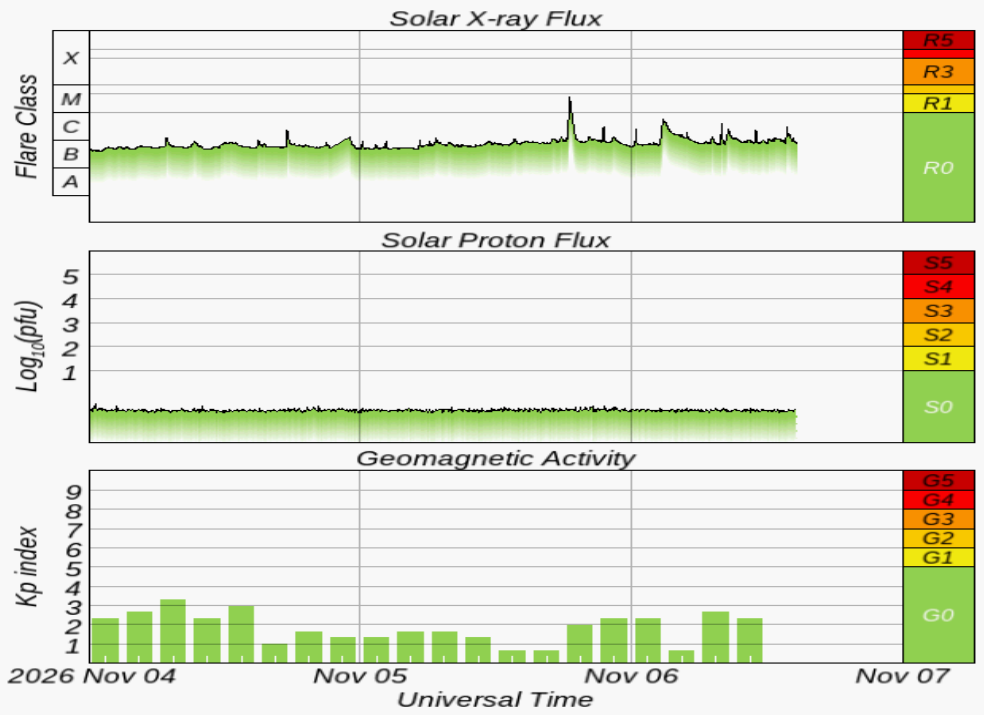


Space Weather



Current Sunspots





Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 35%	Geomagnetic Storm Watch (G1)	M3 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

11/6	11/7
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at low levels, with a chance for M-class flares (R1-R2/Minor-Moderate) and a slight chance for an X-class flare (R3/Strong or greater) on 06-08 Nov. Enhanced solar wind conditions are expected to prevail on 06-08 Nov due to negative polarity CH HSS influences. The geomagnetic field is likely to reach G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm levels, with a chance for G2 (Moderate) levels, on 06-08 Nov due to negative polarity CH HSS influences.

SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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Email:	SWP@em.myflorida.com	Operational	
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	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Not Operational	System in Transition
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