Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, November 7, 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, In Region	FSG USAR Full Scale Exercise / On-Call Status
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Taylor, In Region	FSG USAR Full Scale Exercise / On-Call Status
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Taylor, In Region	FSG USAR Full Scale Exercise / On-Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 7: Brian Carey	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 8: Keila Puello	Palm Beach	Plane Crash & Flood Response
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable

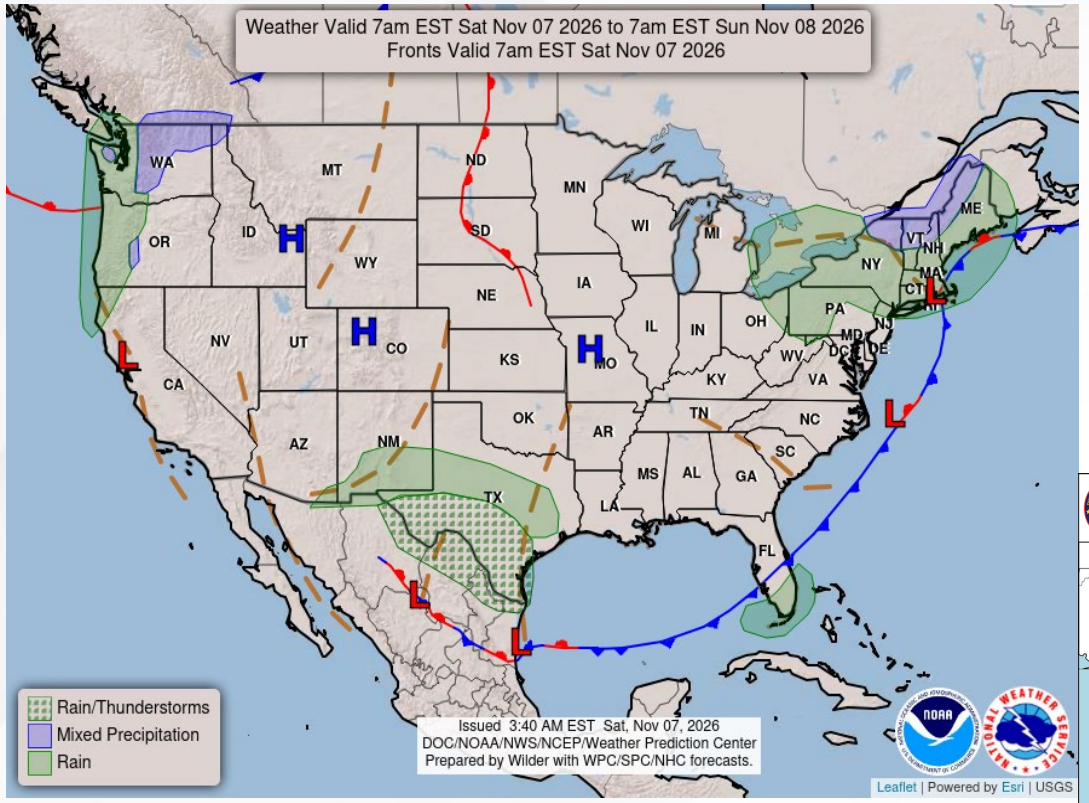
Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Taylor	Table Top Exercise
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Brevard	Fall Flooding Deployment
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Okeechobee	Fall Flooding Deployment
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	Fall Flooding - Recovery Liason

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

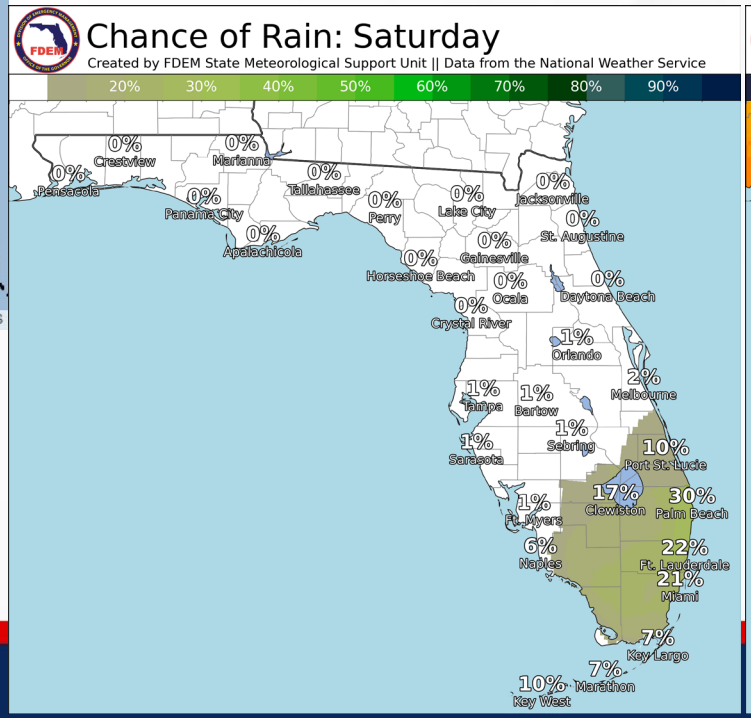
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Deployed / Delayed Response
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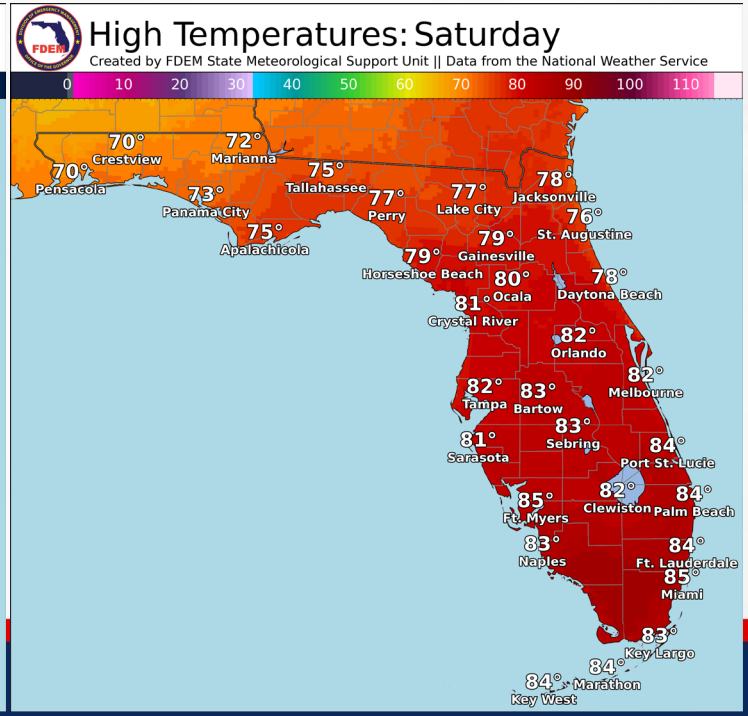
Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning								L	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	L	M	L	H	H	L		H	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	14.07 ft. (0.97 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	145 (+12) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									

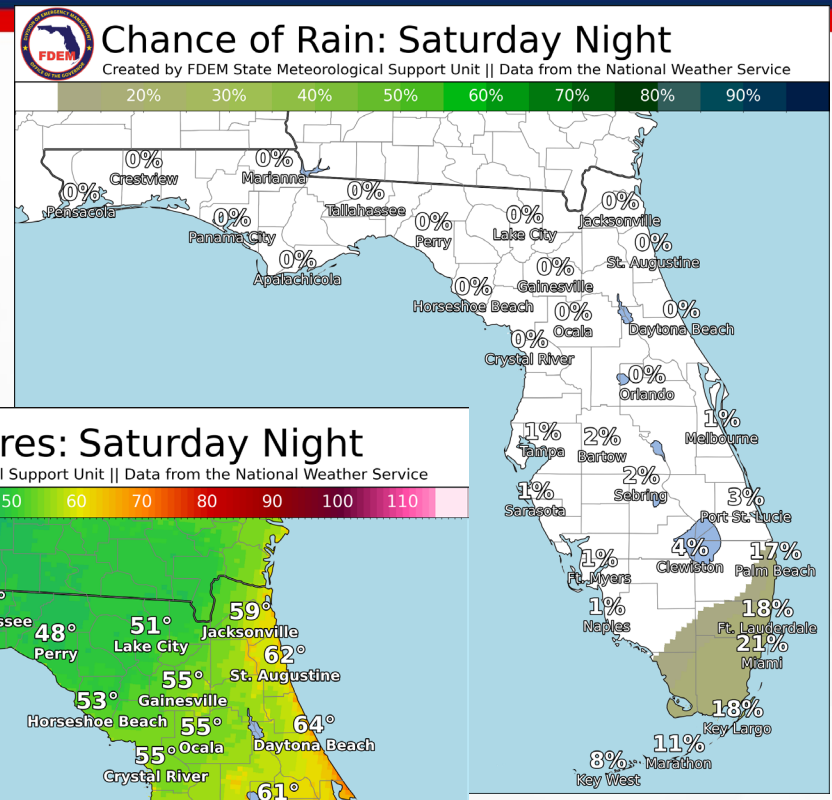


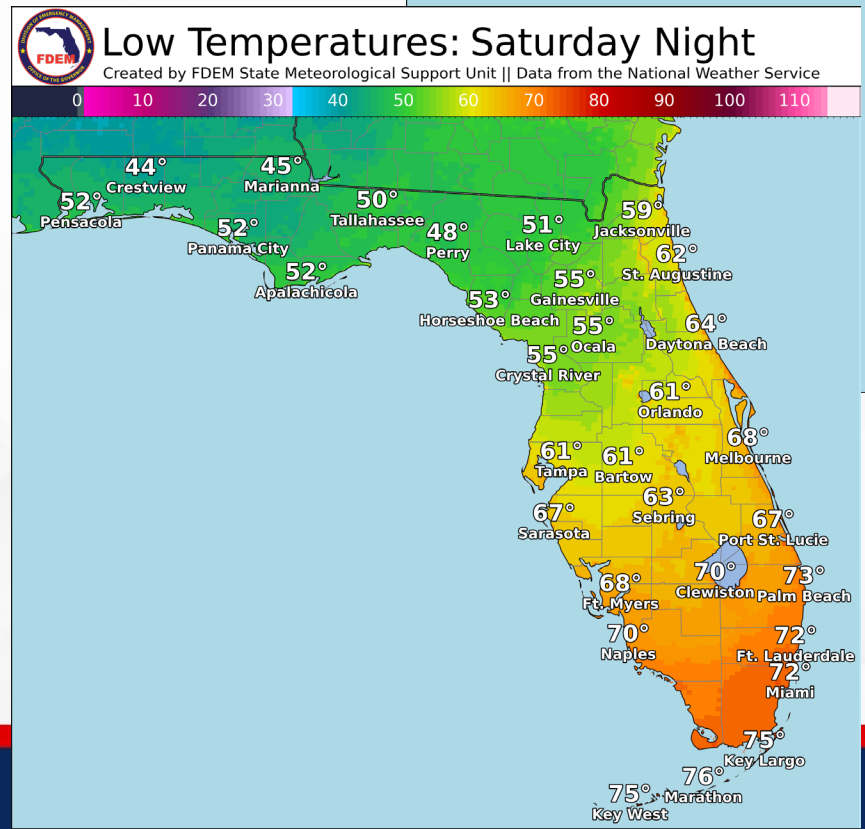


Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

The slow-moving cold front has reached the Southern Peninsula this morning. Rain chances (10-20%) will be isolated along the front in South Florida through the afternoon hours. Temperatures begin to drop today with high temperatures across the Panhandle in the low to mid 70s potentially reaching the low 80s. Central and South Florida will remain in the low to mid 80s today. Across the Panhandle, overnight lows will be in the upper 40s to low 50s . The Big Bend and Central Florida will be in the mid to upper 50s to low 60s increasing to low 70s across South Florida. Overall, it is a pleasant fall weather day across the state. 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.





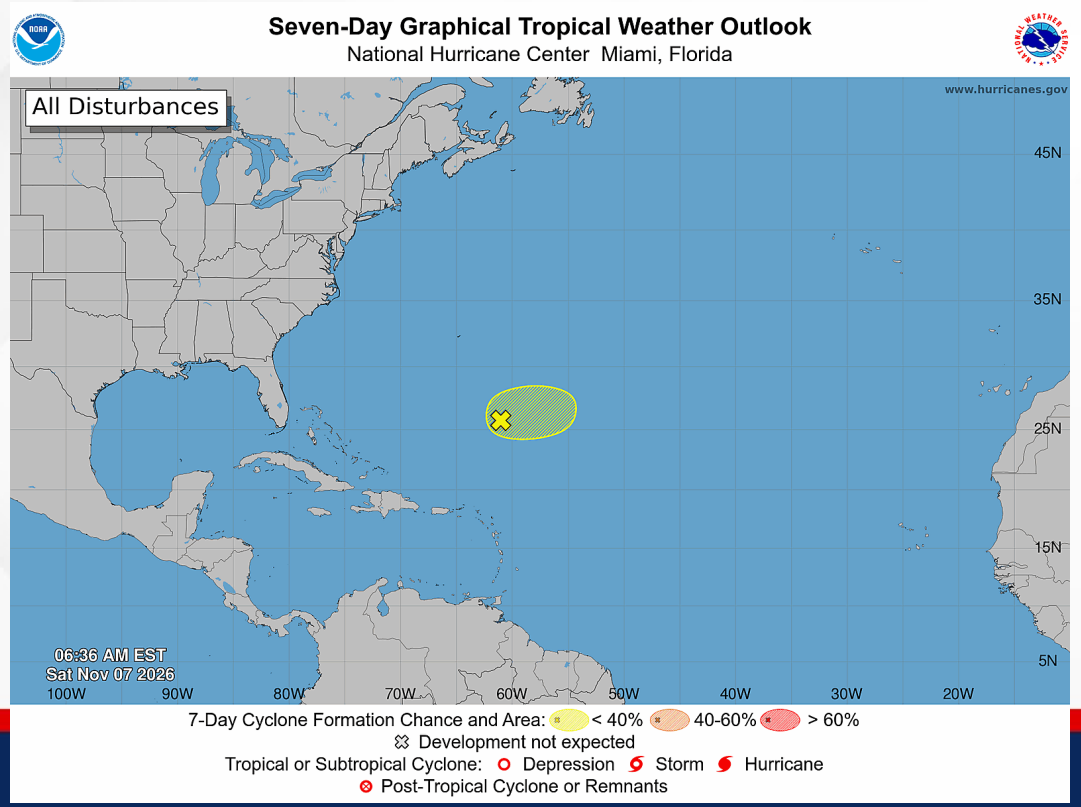
Tropical Weather

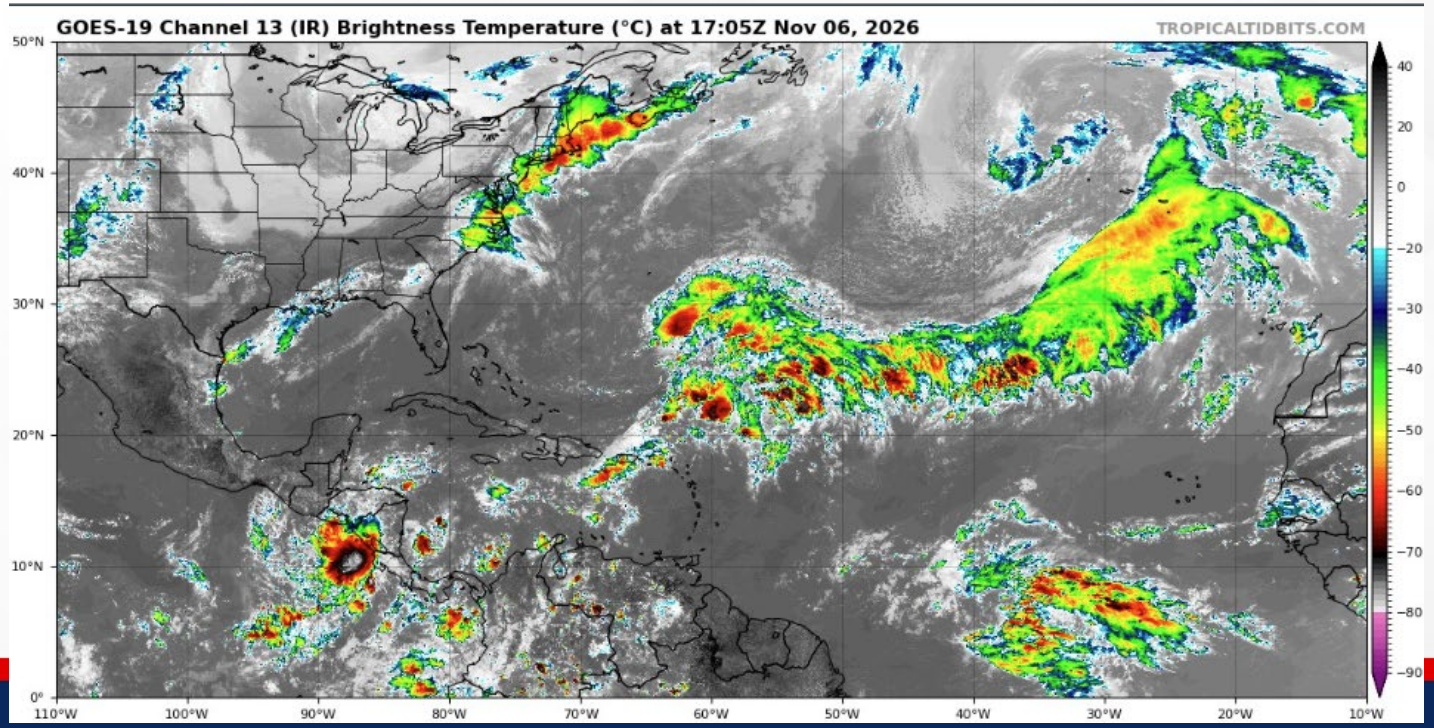
For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

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...10 percent.**
- Formation chance through 7 days... **low...10 percent.**





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: There is a **High Risk for Rip Currents** today for beaches north of Palm Beach. 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: 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'.**

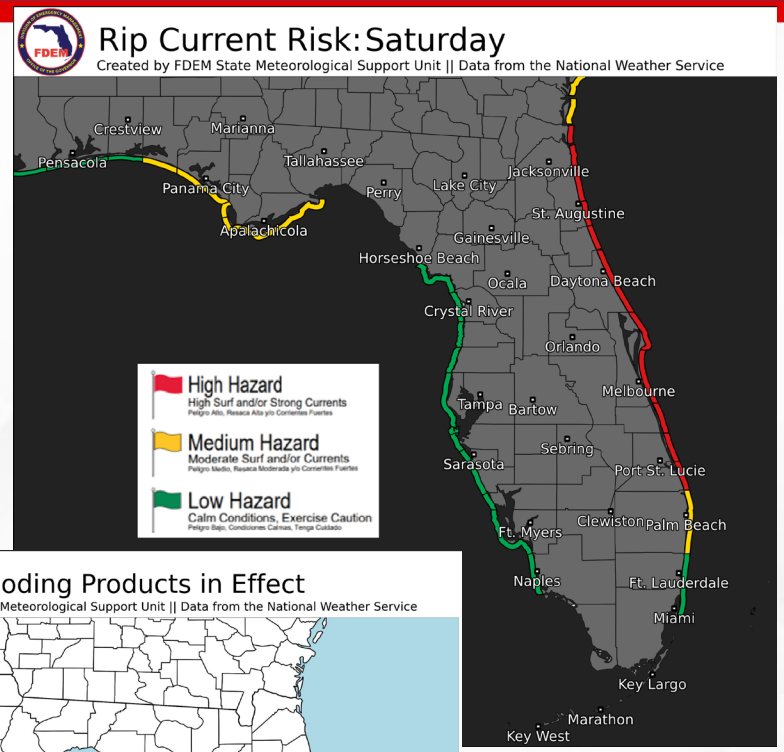
Red Tide: Red tide was observed at background concentrations in Pinellas, and Escambia, and low concentrations in Gulf and Bay County. High concentrations were observed in Gulf County (11/6).

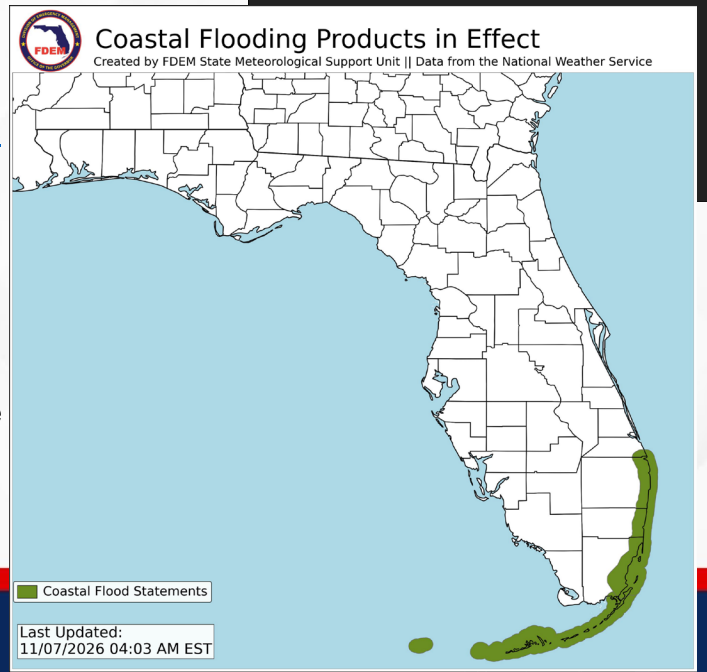
Coastal Flooding: A **Coastal Flood Statement** is in effect for Southeast Florida and the Upper Keys for **minor coastal flooding**.

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 and dropped to in **Moderate 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 14.07 feet, which is 0.97 feet below normal for this time of year and in the water shortage management band.



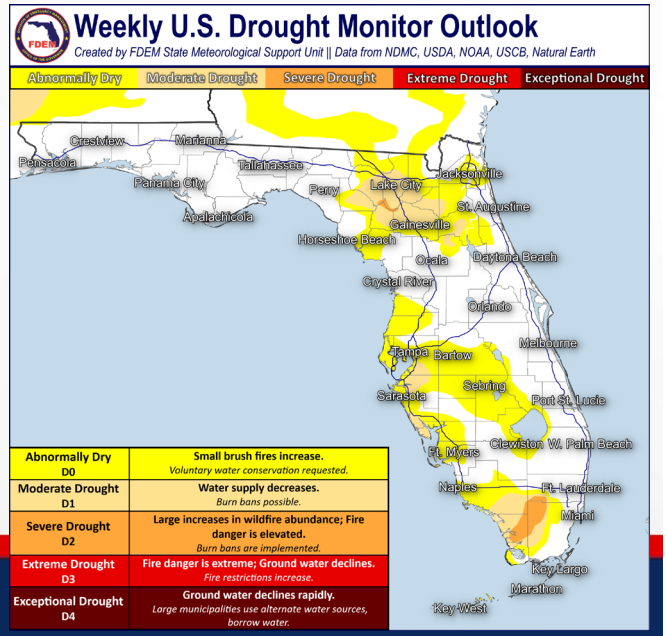


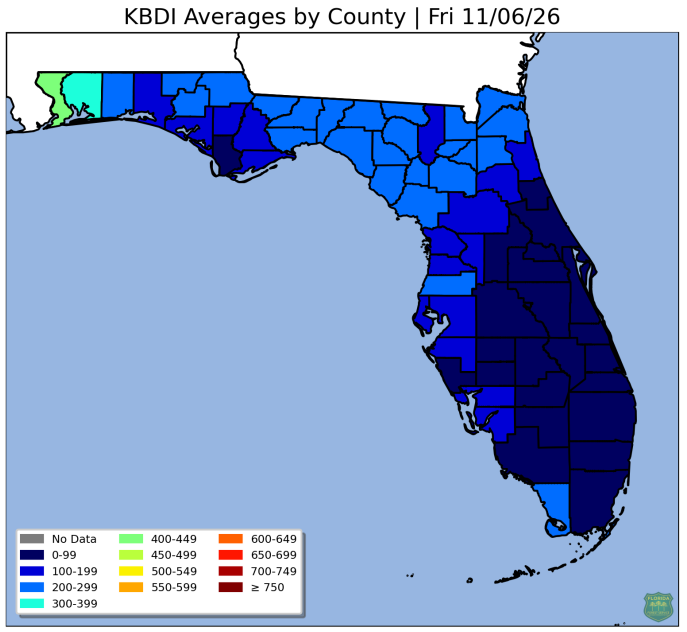
Drought & Fire Weather

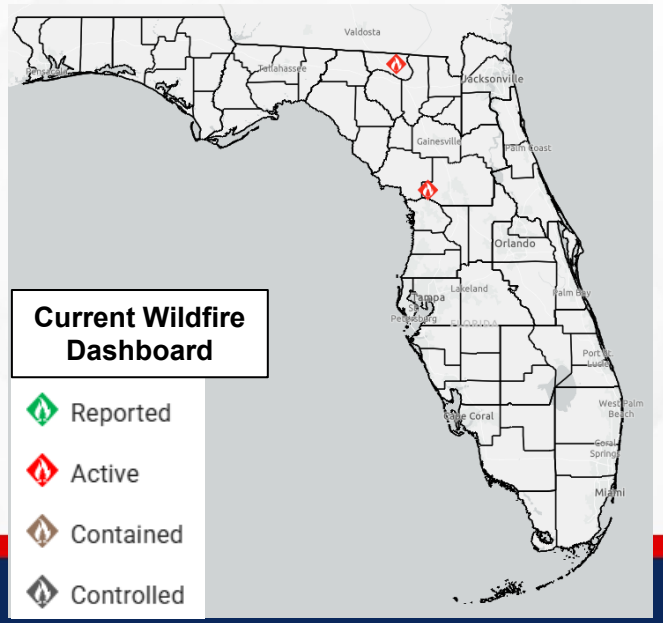
Fire Weather: No fire weather concerns are in the forecast today as a weak and slow-moving frontal boundary brings widespread rainfall across the Panhandle with higher relative humidities. According to the Florida Forest Service, there are 2 active wildfire, across the state burning approximately 2060 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.

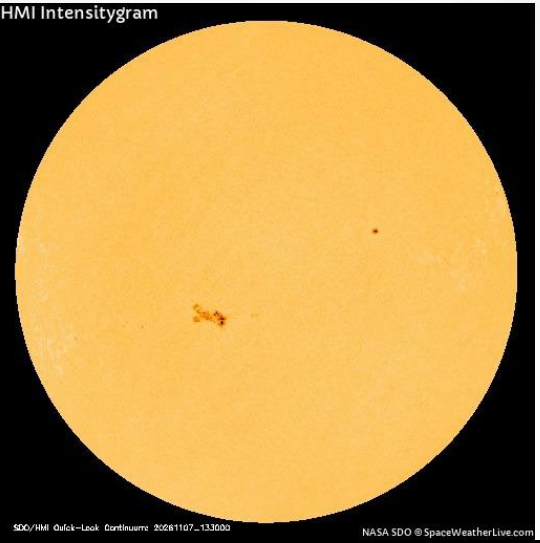
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida on Tuesday was **145 (+12)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). Most increases occurred across Central and South Florida, including the Florida East Coast. There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).



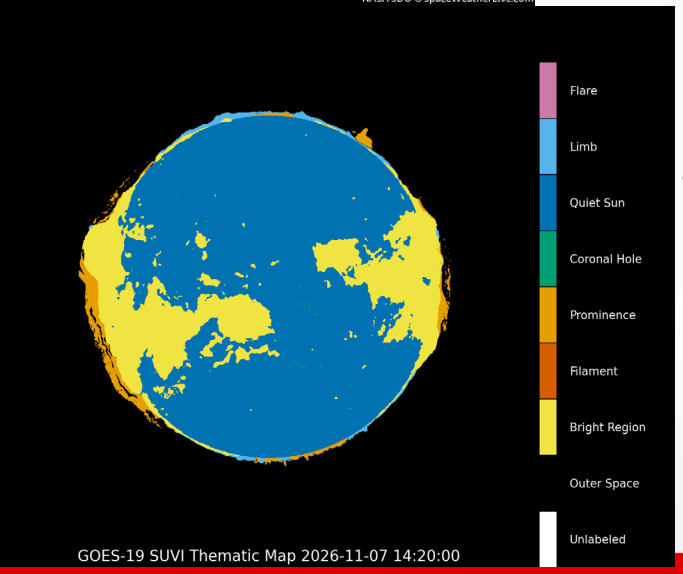


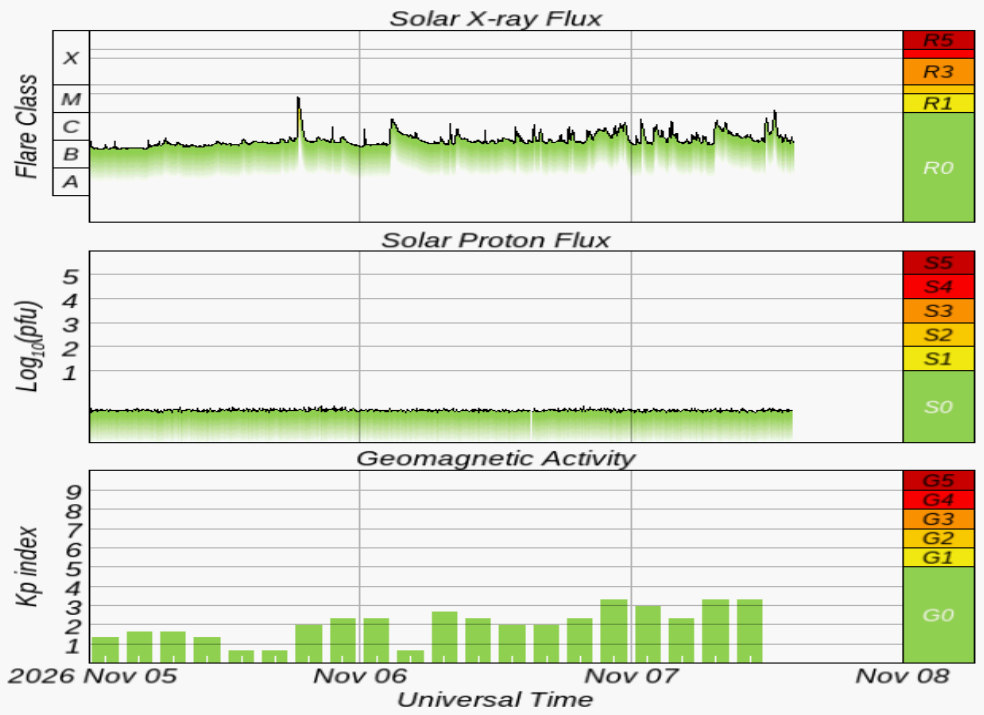


Space Weather



Current Sunspots





Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 35%	Geomagnetic Storm Watch (G1)	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
11/7	11/8
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 10%	Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 10%

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 07-09 Nov. Enhanced solar wind conditions are expected to prevail on 07-09 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 07-09 Nov due to negative polarity CH HSS influences.

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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	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Not Operational	System in Transition
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Website:	https://floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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