Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Sunday, November 8, 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	On-Call Status
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	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

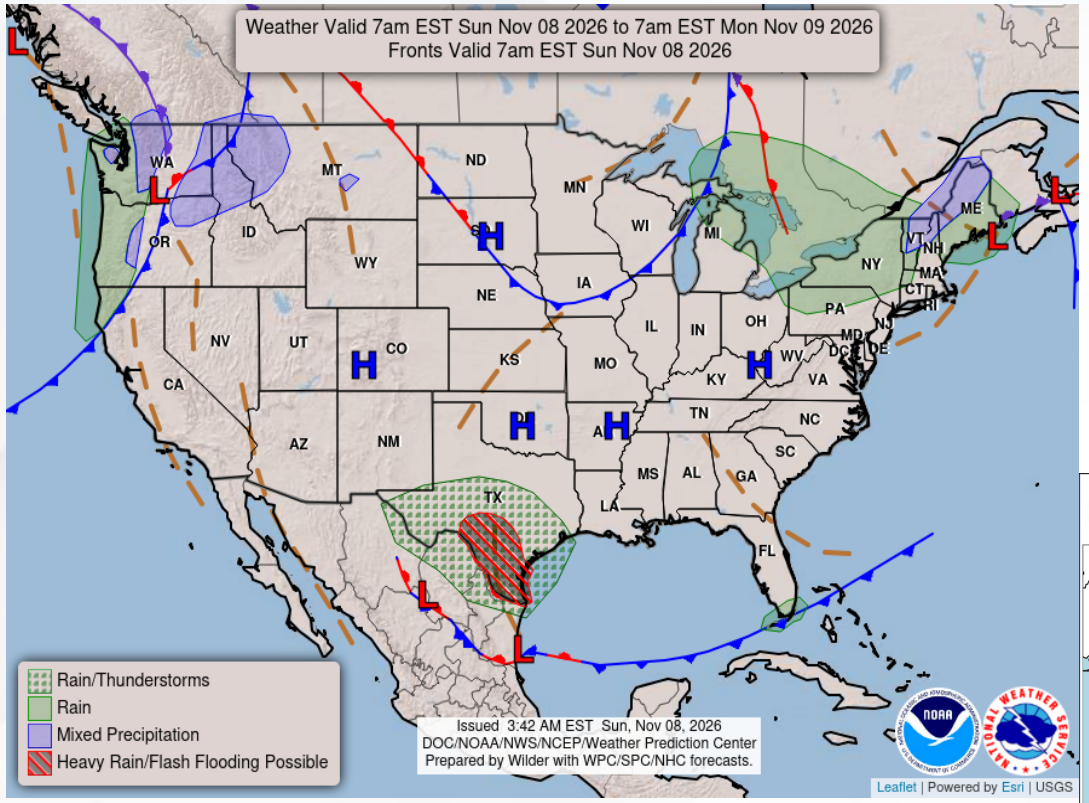
Recovery Regional Coordination Team

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	In Region	Off & Monitoring
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 - 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	Fall Flooding - 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

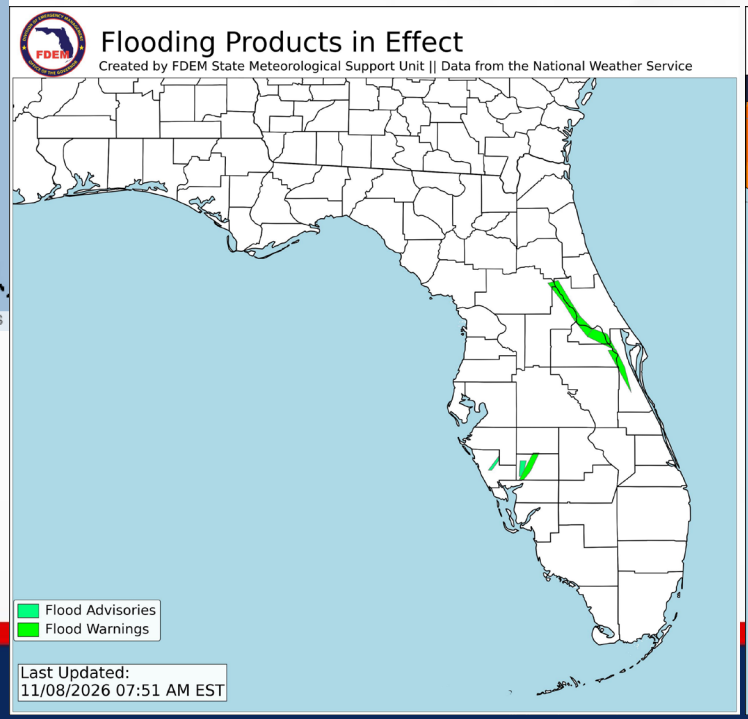
Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

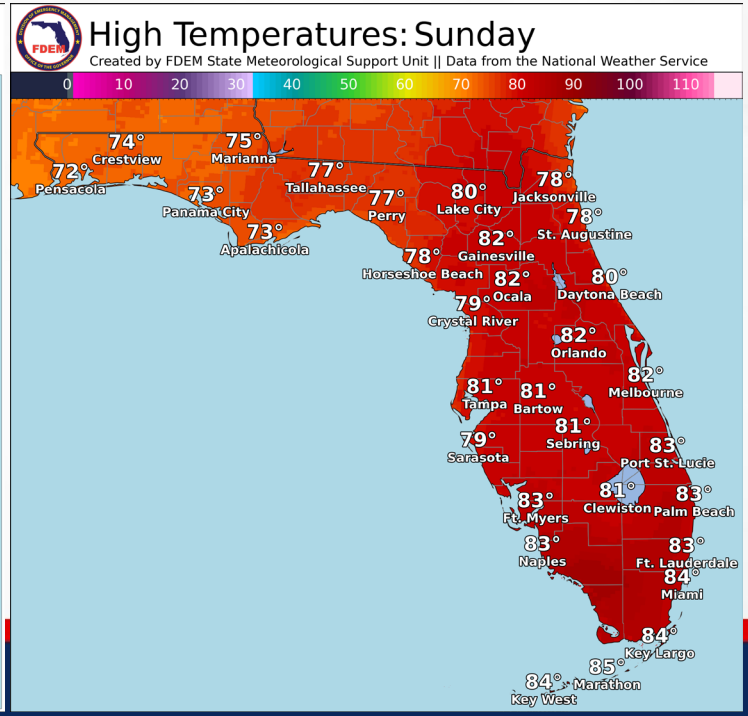
Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	L		H	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	14.18 ft. (0.85 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	158 (+13) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





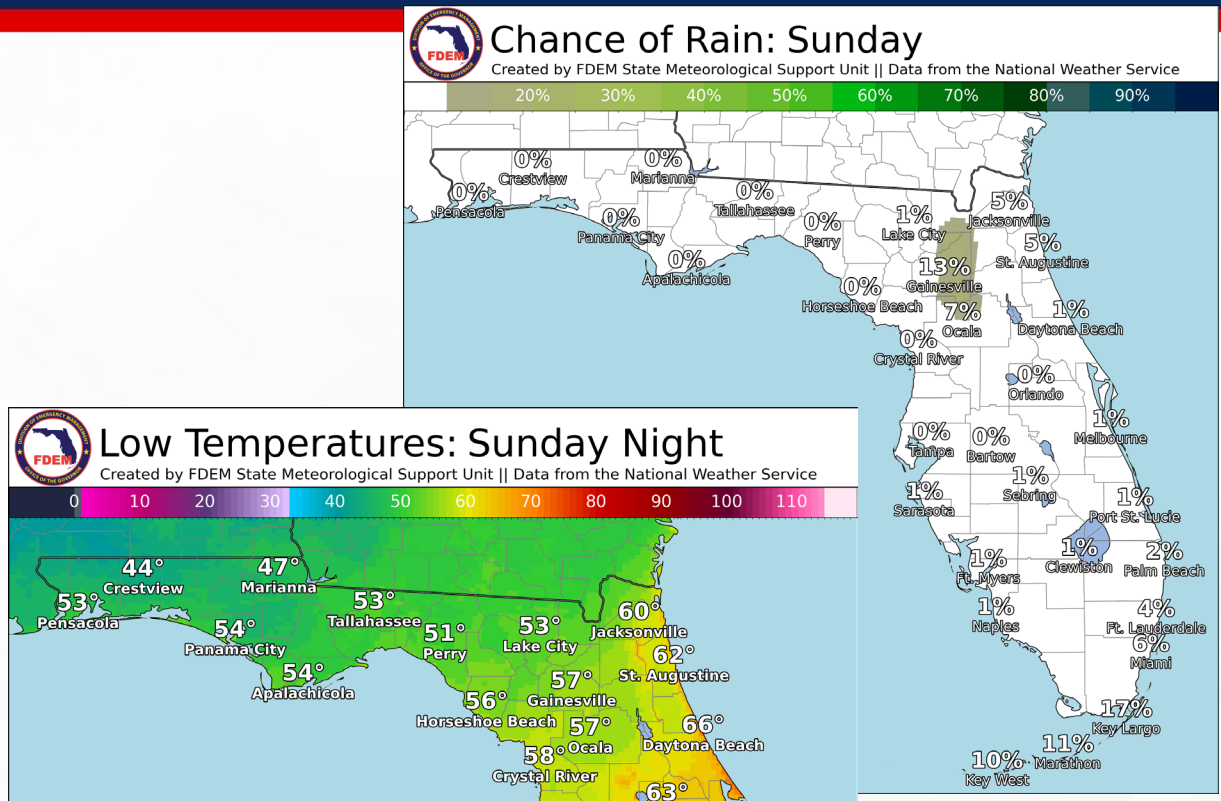
Meteorology Summary

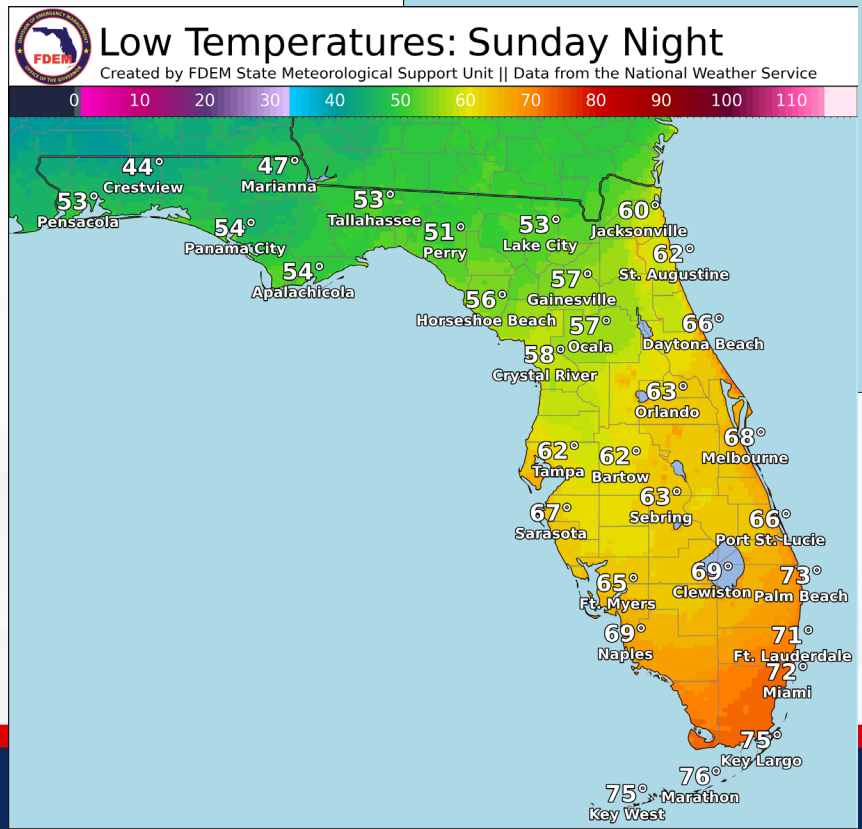
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Cool and dry conditions continue to spread across the state following cold-frontal passage. No rain chances are forecast anywhere across the state today. High temperatures today will range from the lower to middle 70s across the Panhandle and Northeast FL to the lower to middle 80s across North-Central Florida and the Peninsula.

A considerable gradient in low temperatures will develop today across the state. Low temperatures will drop into the lower to middle 40s in the Western Panhandle and into the lower to middle 50s across the rest of North FL. Across the Peninsula, low temperatures drop into the upper 50s to the lower 60s North of Lake Okeechobee. Lows in South Florida struggle to drop below 70 tonight.

A **Coastal Flood Statement** remains in effect for the Florida Keys and Southeast Florida for **minor coastal flooding**. **Flood Warnings** remain in effect along the St. Johns and the Peace River.

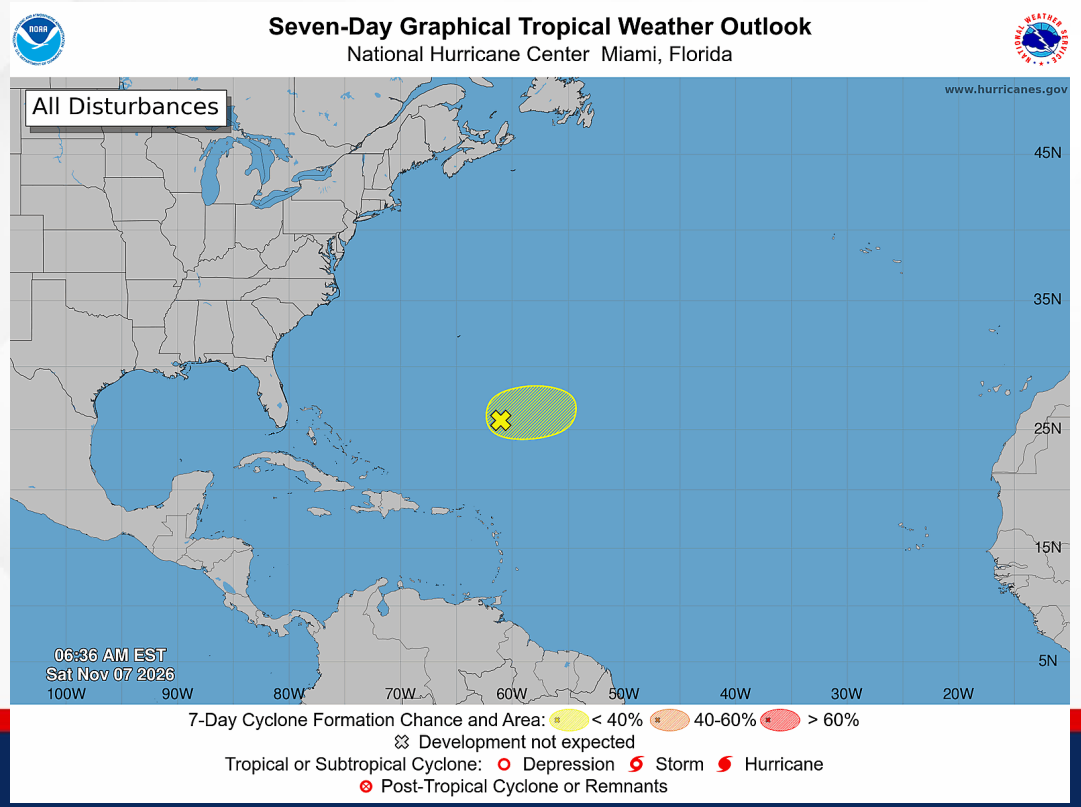


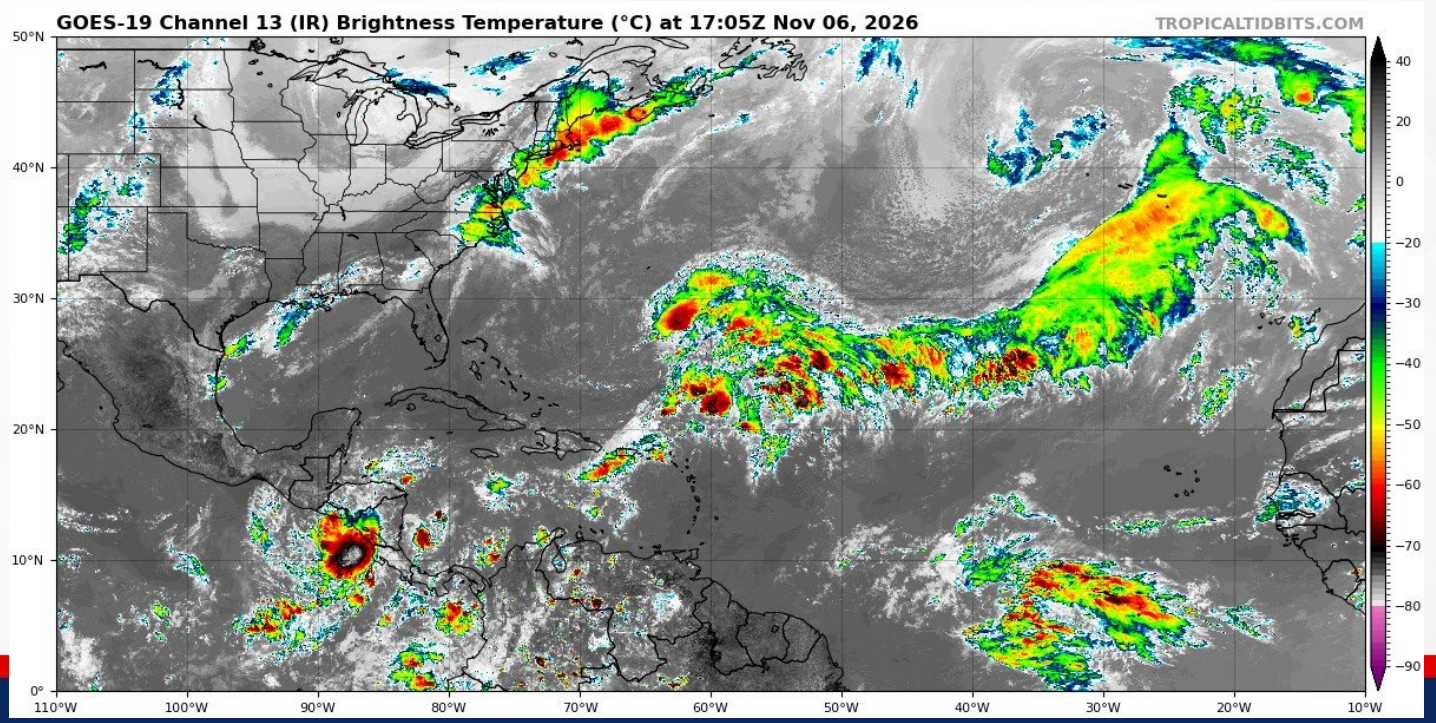


Tropical Weather

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

Tropical Cyclone Development is *NOT EXPECTED* over the next 7 days.





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 Central Panhandle and Palm Beach County Beaches. A low risk for rip currents is outlooked across the remainder of the state. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Light winds are expected today with variable to northerly winds of **5-10 knots** for both Gulf and Atlantic waters. Wave heights will be highest across the East Coast FL today north of Palm Beach County, at **3-4'**. Wave heights will lower along the Panhandle and West Coast, at 1-3'.

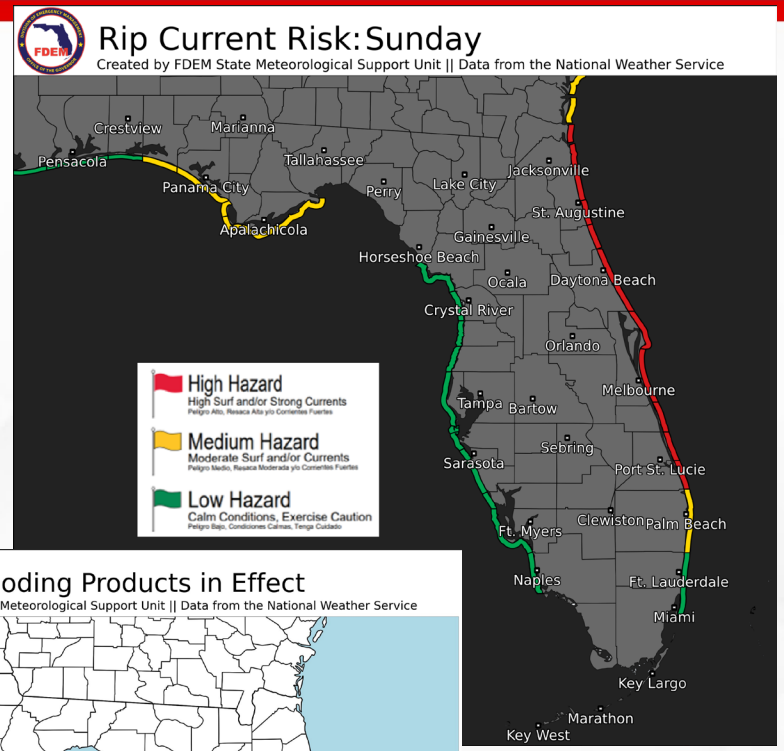
Red Tide: Red tide was observed at background concentrations in Pinellas, and Escambia, and low concentrations in Gulf and Bay County. High concentrations were observed in Gulf County (11/6).

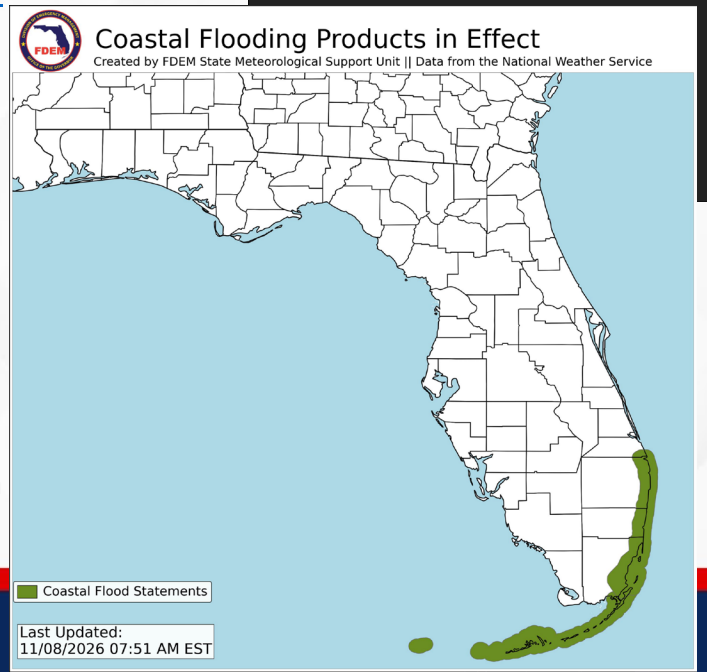
Coastal Flooding: A **Coastal Flood Statement** is in effect for Southeast Florida and the Upper Keys for **minor coastal flooding**.

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

Riverine Flooding: The Peace River at Arcadia is in **Moderate Flood Stage** this morning and continues to fall**.** Due to the recent flash flooding, numerous locations along the St. Johns River basin are expected to reach **moderate to major flood stage** in the coming weeks. The St Johns River near Cocoa is in **Moderate Flood Stage** and is expected to reach **Major Flood Stage** later this week. The St Johns River above Lake Harney is in **Moderate Flood Stage** and is expected to continue to rise over the next week. Given the slow moving nature of the St. Johns River, our flood wave will reach the St. Johns River near Sanford and the St. Johns River near Deland beyond the available forecast time range. Both gauges are expected to reach **Minor to Moderate** flood stage when this occurs. Finally, the St Johns River at Astor has fallen into **Minor Flood Stage** this morning but is expected to rise back into **Moderate Flood Stage** in the coming days and remain there for at least the next week. For information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 14.18 feet, which is 0.85 feet below normal for this time of year and within the normal operating band.



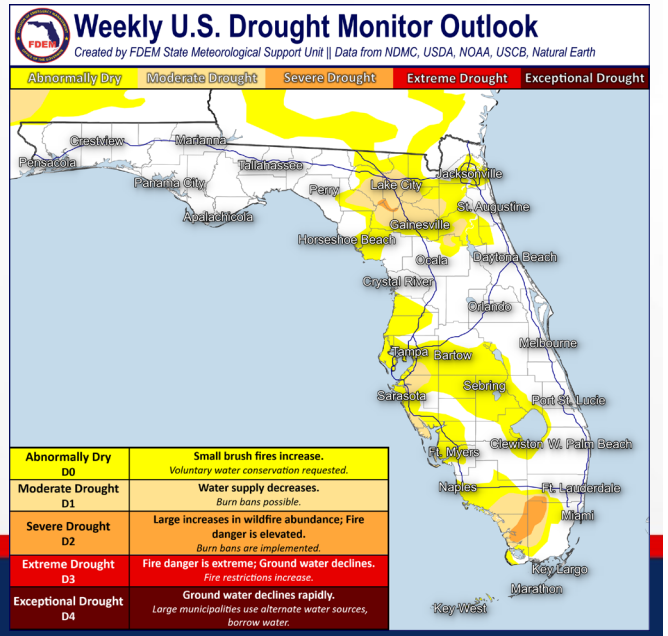


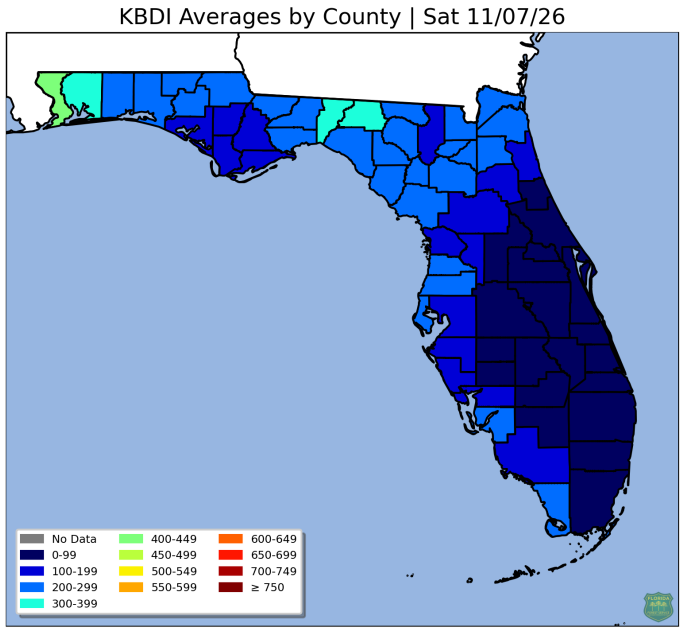
Drought & Fire Weather

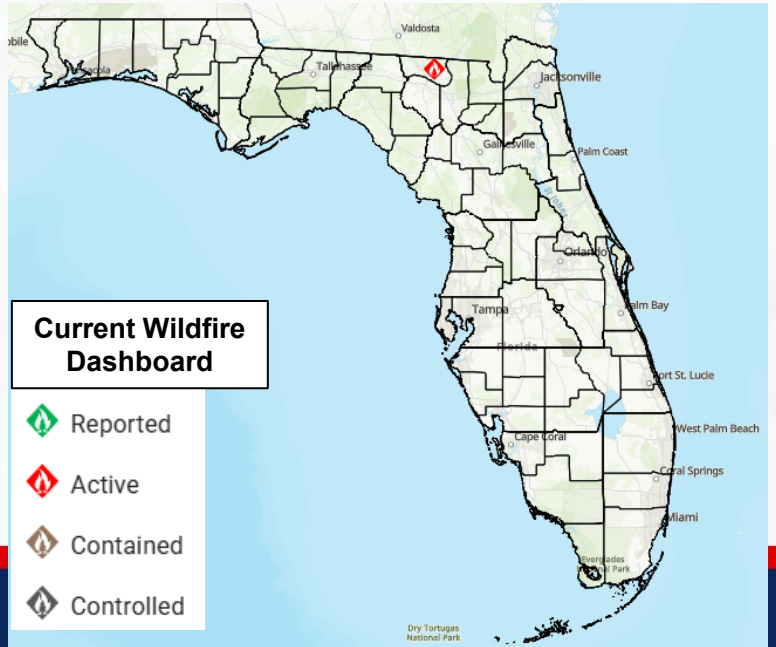
Fire Weather: No fire weather concerns are forecast today. Minimum relative humidities will remain well-above critical thresholds alongside light winds. According to the Florida Forest Service, there is 1 active wildfire burning approximately 2060 acres.

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.

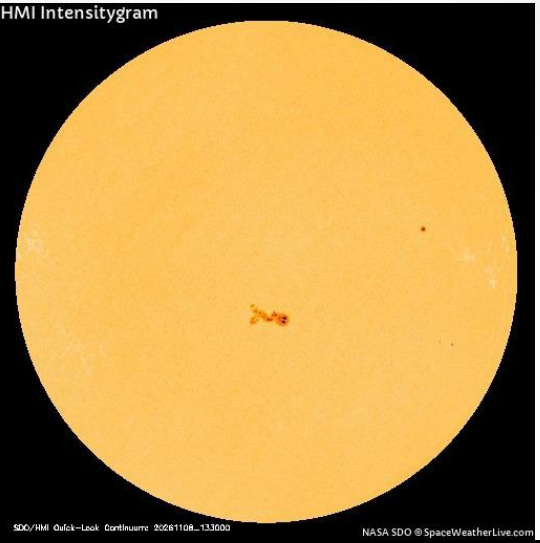
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida on Tuesday was **158 (+13)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry).There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).



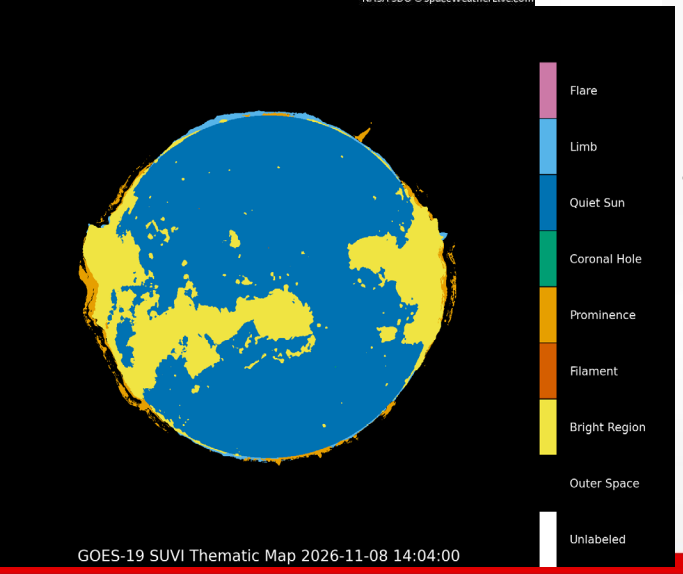


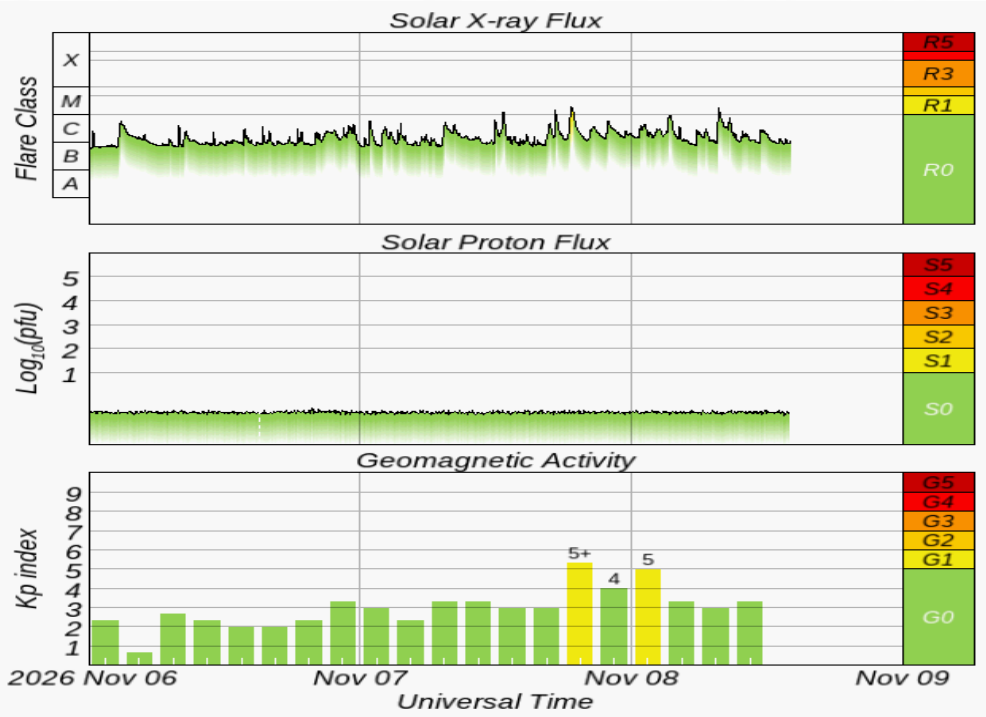


Space Weather



Current Sunspots





Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 60%	Geomagnetic Storm Watch (G1)	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 20%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

11/8	11/9
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 35% severe activity = 10%	Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 10%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain elevated, with M-class flares (R1-R2/Minor-Moderate) likely and a slight chance for an X-class flares (R3/Strong, or greater) through 10 Nov. Enhanced solar wind conditions are expected to prevail through 10 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, through 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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