Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, November 16, 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 Exercise AAR Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	FSG Exercise AAR Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Taylor	FSG Exercise AAR Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	St Johns	County EM Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Orange, Brevard, Seminole	Flood Follow-Ups / Partner Meeting / G-400 Course Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Sarasota	FDOH Tabletop Exercise
Region 7: Brian Carey	Polk	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 8: Keila Puello	St Lucie	Quarterly Meeting Follow-Up Admin
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Charlotte	Shelter Reunification Exercise
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Region 10 T&E Meeting

Status
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Out of Service / Unavailable

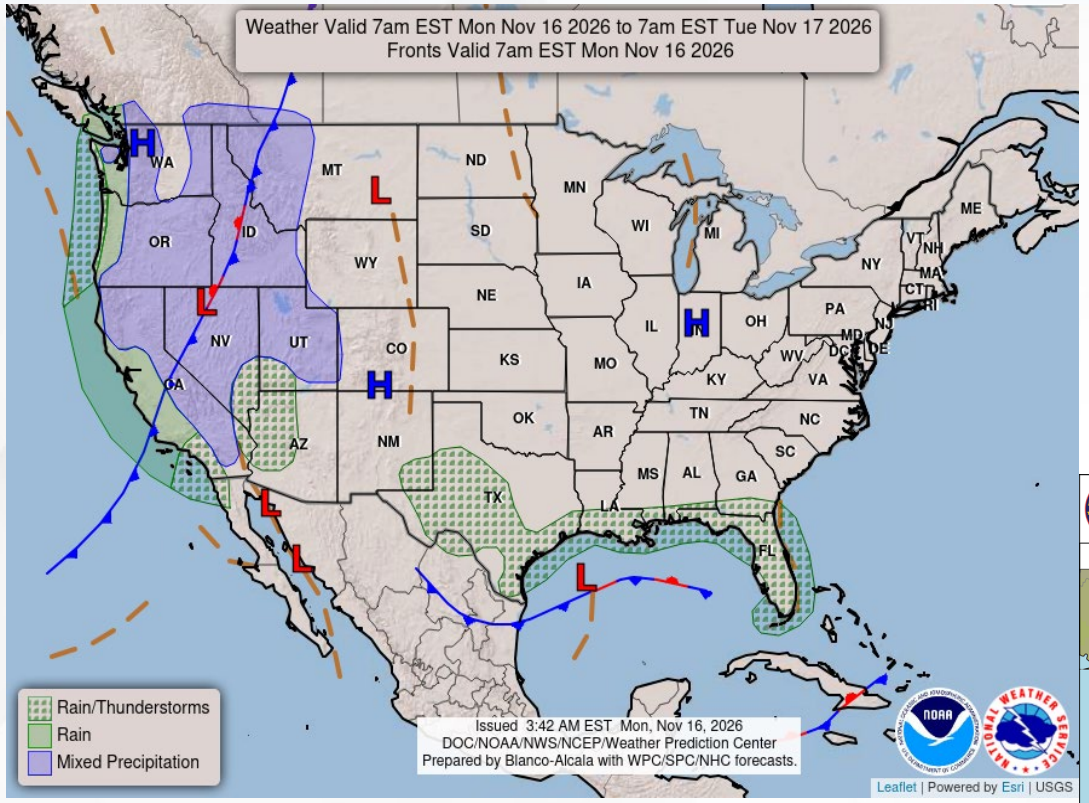
Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton / Okaloosa	Recovery/Mitigation
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Admin / Team Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Taylor	After Action Exercise
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Baker	Recovery Meeting
Region 5: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Recovery Meeting
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	Miami-Dade	Recovery Meeting / LMS Meeting

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
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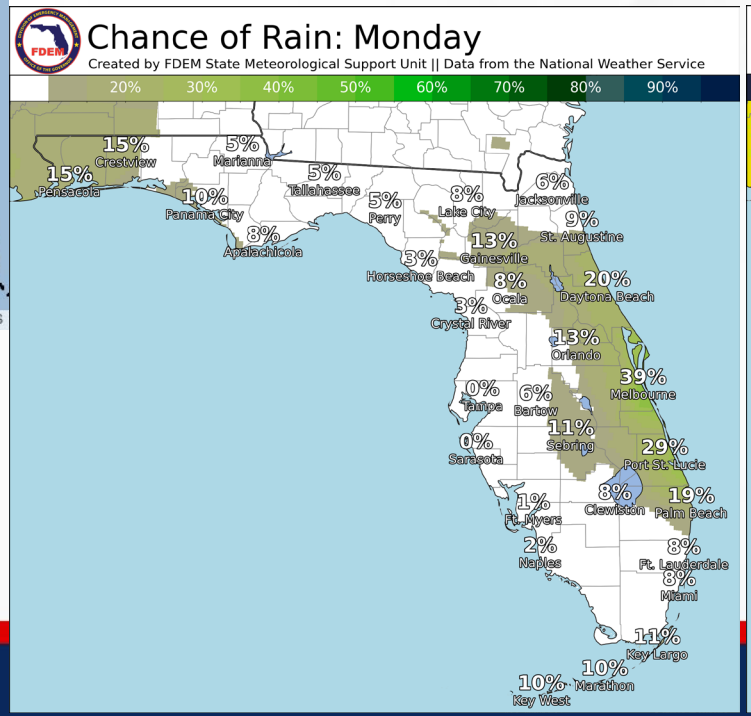
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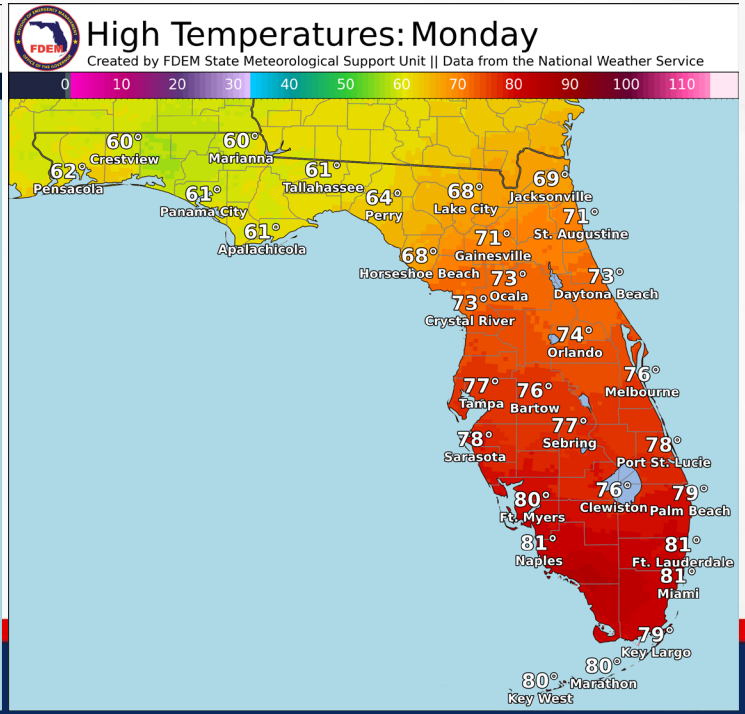
Meteorology Summary



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										
Cold Weather Hazards										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	M	H	L	H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	14.56 ft. (0.39 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	224 (+4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





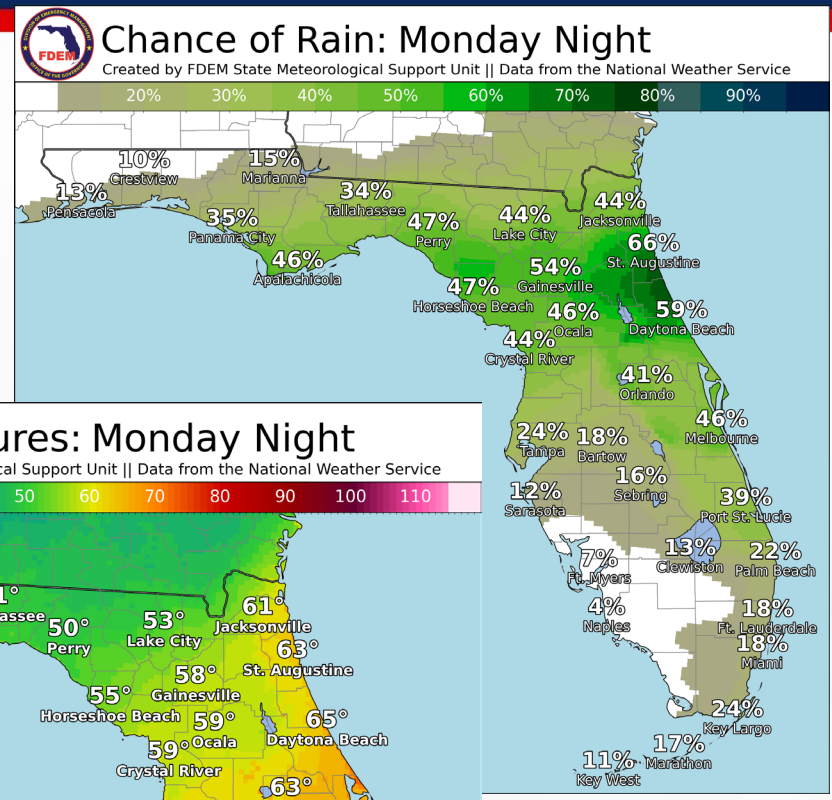
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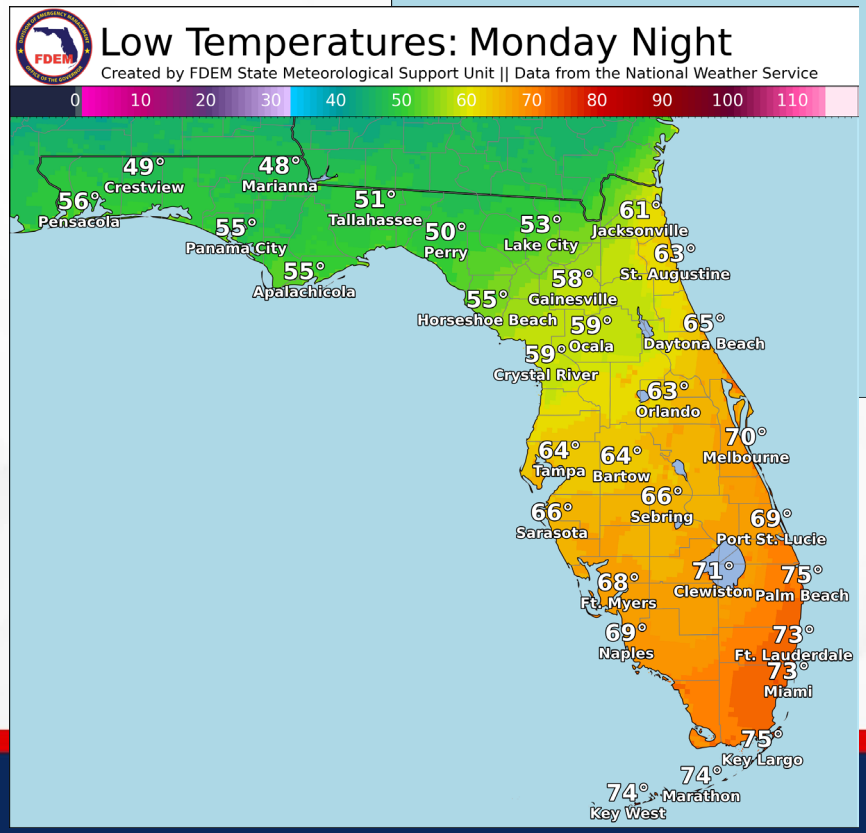
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Temperatures continue to moderate today after the season's first cold blast late Friday. Today's high temperatures will range from the lower to upper 60s across North Florida to the mid-70s to lower 80s across the Peninsula southward. Little rain chances (20-30%) are expected this afternoon, with best rain chances from Palm Beach County northward to Brevard. Rain chances will increase tonight, with areas in Northeast Florida having greatest rain chances (40-60%) and areas southward to Palm Beach County having at least a scattered chance.

Low temperatures will be a bit warmer tonight compared to last night. Low temperatures bottom out in the upper 40s to lower 50s across the Panhandle. Across the Peninsula, lows drop into the 60s north of Lake Okeechobee and into the lower to middle 70s in South Florida and the Florida Keys. Coastal areas along both coastlines will be warmer than inland areas. This is particularly true across the East Coast, where temperatures may struggle to dip below 70 degrees.

Flood Warnings remain in effect along the St. Johns River until further notice. Flood Watches may be issued later today for the expected increase in rainfall Wednesday through Friday of this week.

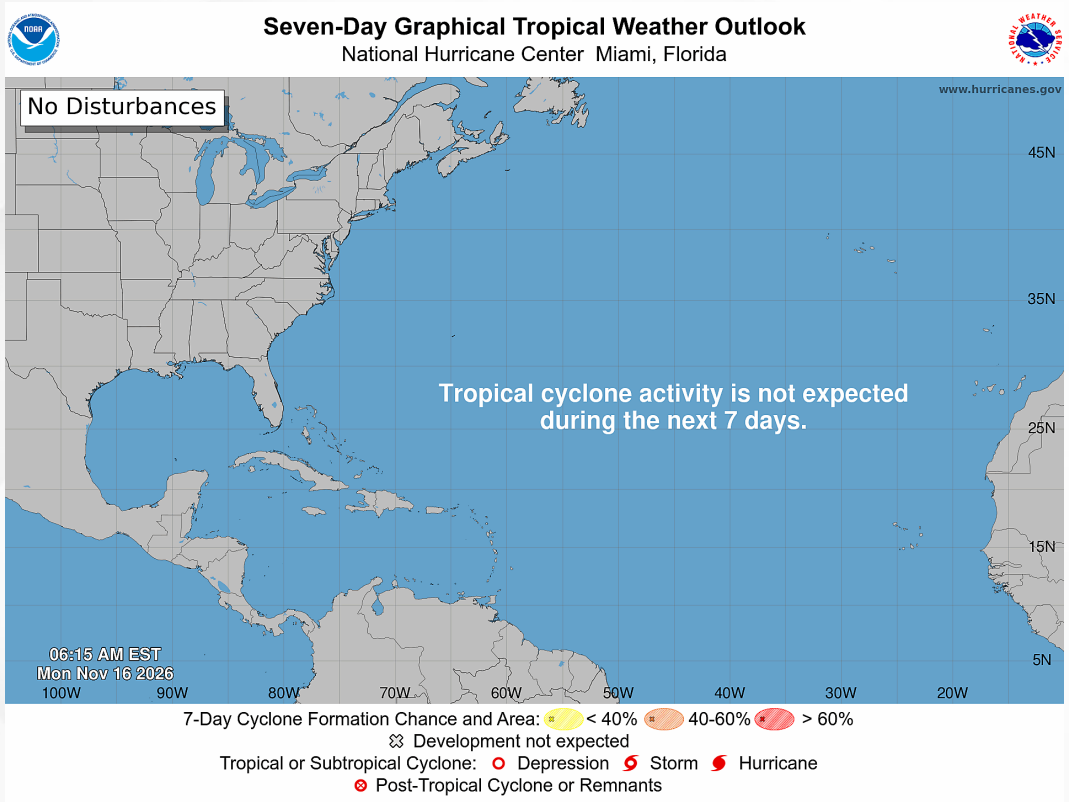


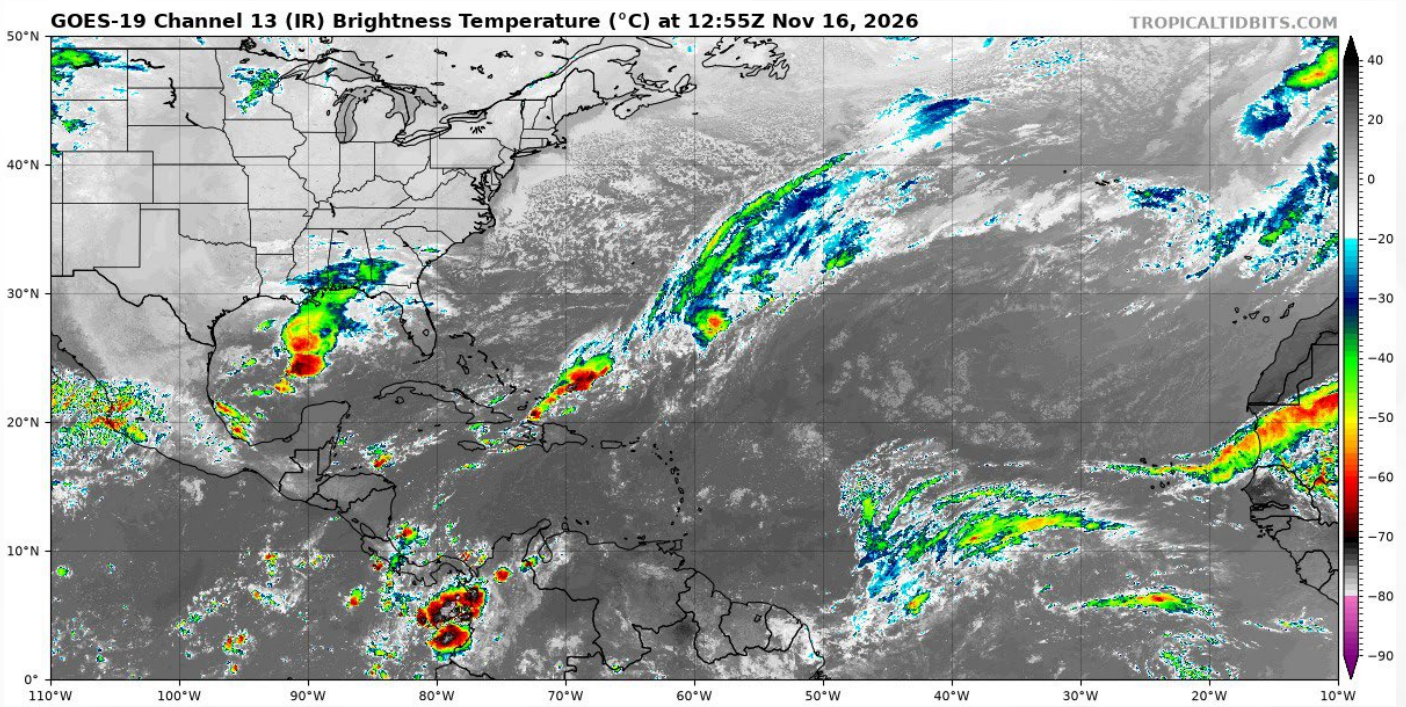


Tropical Weather

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 across all East Coast Beaches and portions of the Big Bend Coast, including Franklin County. A **Moderate Risk for Rip Currents** is outlooked for the Western Panhandle 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: **Poor marine conditions** are expected to begin today with strong easterly-northeasterly winds of **15-25 knots** along the Atlantic and Upper Gulf Coast. A **Small Craft Advisory** is in effect this afternoon for all East Coast Waters north of Miami Dade County, as well as Panhandle and Gulf Waters down to Monroe County. Wave heights remain at **5-6'** across the East Coast**,** with all other FL beaches peaking at 2-4'.

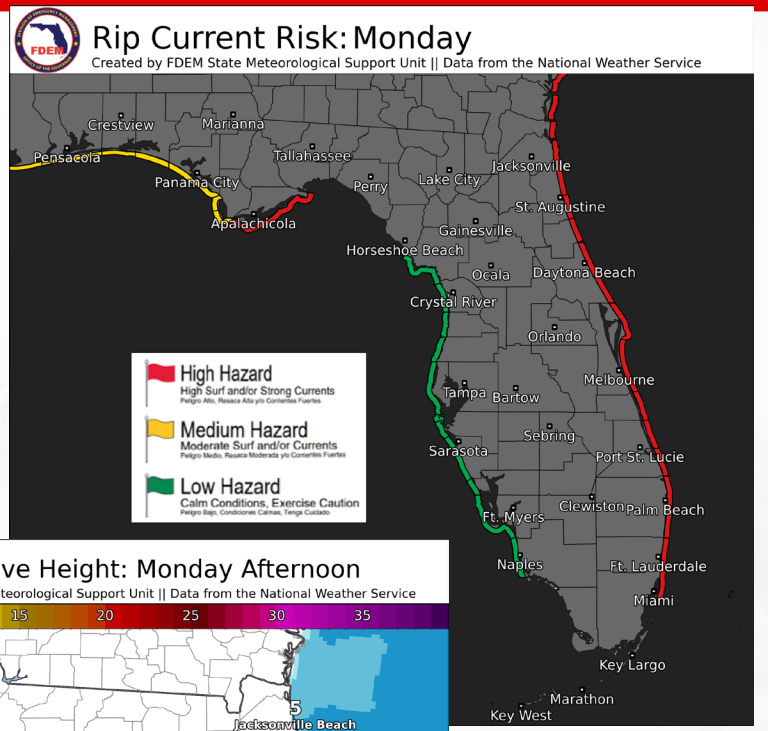
Red Tide: Red tide was observed at background concentrations in Pinellas, Sarasota, Escambia, and Collier counties. **Low concentrations** were observed in Walton County. **Medium concentrations** were observed in Bay County. **High concentrations** were observed in Gulf County (11/13).

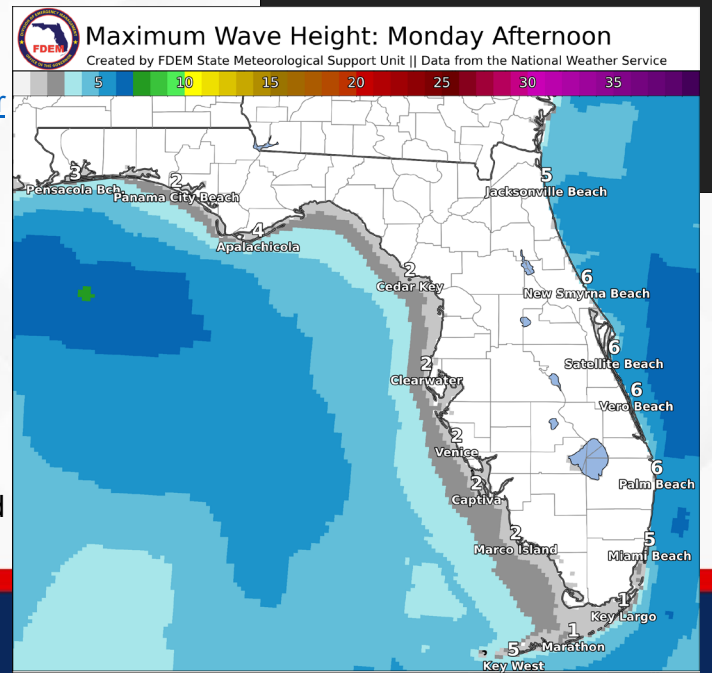
Coastal Flooding: No Coastal Flooding alerts are in place today.

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

Riverine Flooding: The St Johns River near Cocoa is in **Major Flood Stage** and is expected to stay in **Major Flood Stage** through the week. The St Johns River above Lake Harney is in **Moderate Flood Stage** and is expected to stay flat over the next week. The St. Johns River near Sanford and the St. Johns River near Deland have seen recent rises, but are expected to remain below minor flood stage. Finally, the St Johns River at Astor has fallen into **Minor Flood Stage** and is expected to stay there for the coming weeks. Any additional rainfalls over the St. Johns River basin may exasperate riverine flooding impacts. For information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 14.56 feet, which is 0.39 feet below normal for this time of year and within the normal operating band.



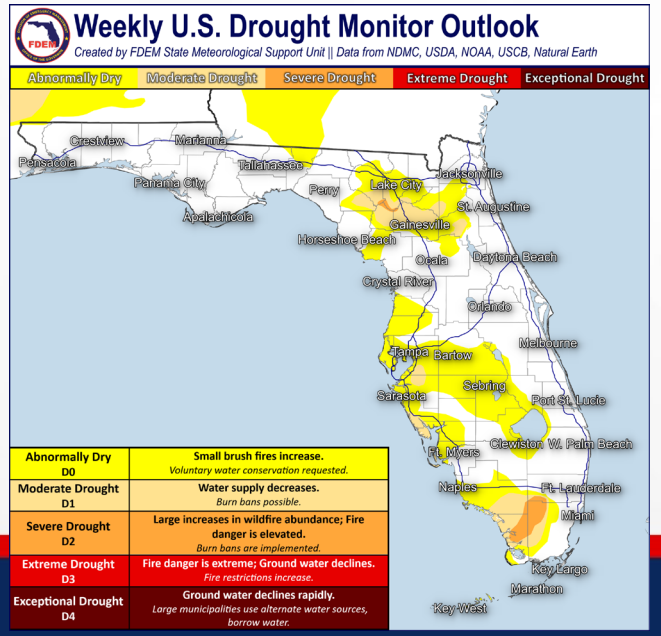


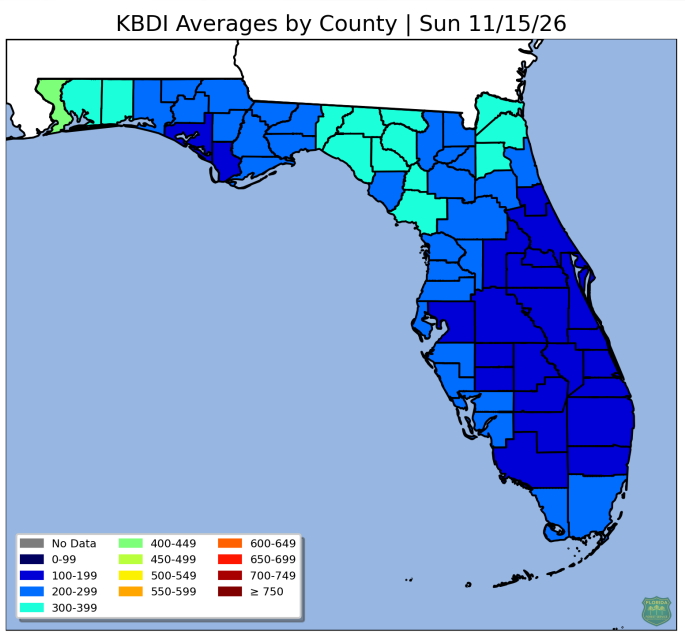
Drought & Fire Weather

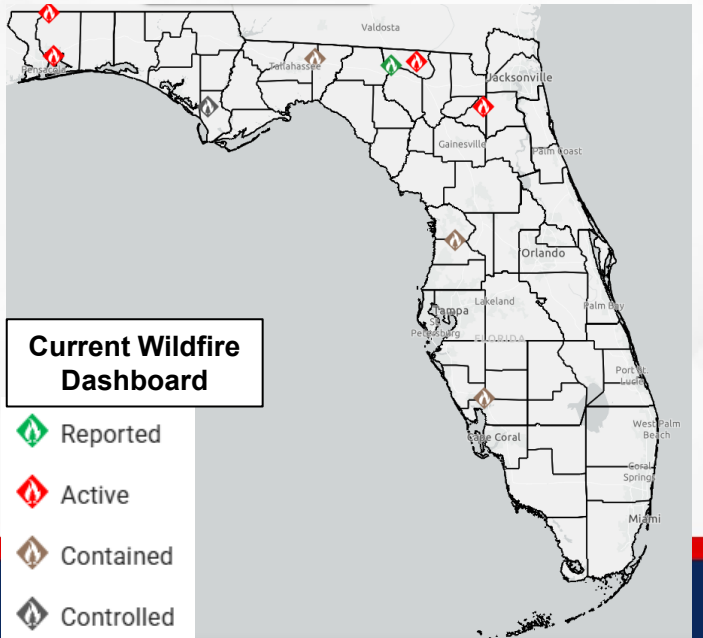
Fire Weather: No fire weather concerns are forecast today. Minimum relative humidities will remain above critical thresholds alongside mostly light winds and saturated soils. According to the Florida Forest Service, there are 9 active wildfires burning approximately 2079 acres.

Drought (11/12/26): Modest improvements were made in Northeast Florida this week due to rainfall and higher river levels. 1 category level improvements in South Florida led to a smaller area of moderate drought (level 1 of 4) in the Everglades between Monroe and Miami-Dade County. The severe drought (level 2 of 4) remains the same across South Florida. Along the Florida West Coast, small 1 category drought improvements through the Tampa metro and Fort Myers, resulted in a smaller area of moderate drought (level 1 of 4) near Port Charlotte and Cape Coral. There was a large 1 category improvement in the Santa Fe River Basin this week. The area of moderate drought (level 1 of 4) decreased to the areas around the Suwannee River. A small area of in severe drought (level 2 of 4) remains in North Central Florida. Much of the state is not in a drought designation this week. Only about 1% of the state remains in severe drought (level 2 of 4). About 67% of the state has no drought designation.

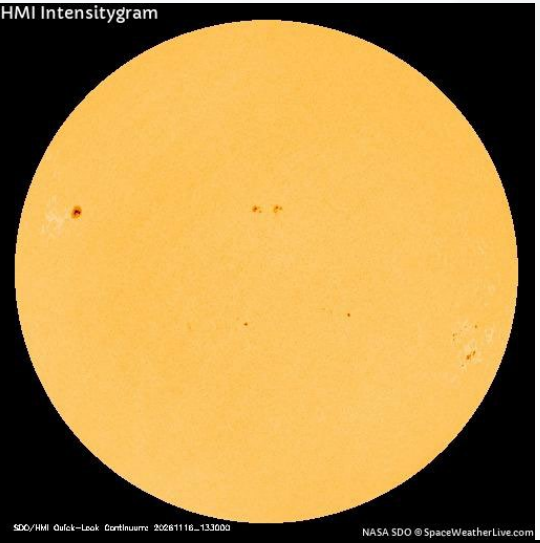
The Keetch-Byram Drought Index average for Florida on Tuesday was **224** **(+4)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry).There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).



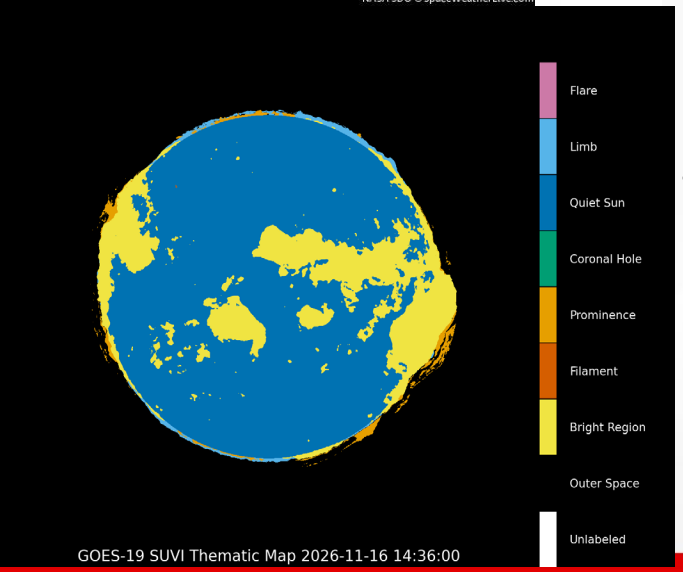


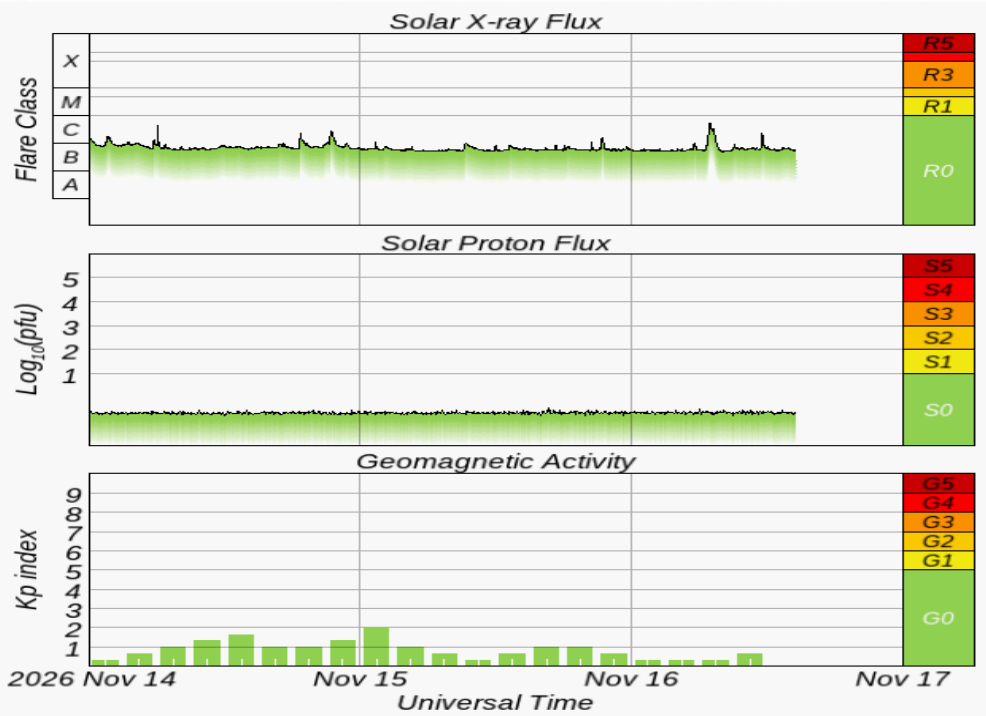


Space Weather



Current Sunspots





Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 25%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C5 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	Radio: None

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

11/16	11/17
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be low with a chance for M-class flares (R1-R2, Minor-Moderate) over 16-18 Nov. Nominal conditions are expected on 16 Nov, with gradual increases beginning on 17-18 Nov as +CH HSS moves in, with a possible arrival of a CME. Mostly quiet geomagnetic conditions are expected today before beginning to increase to unsettled to active conditions. The overall space weather threat to Florida is very low.

SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
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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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