Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, November 17, 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	Escambia	Isaias LTRG Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	NWS TAE Tour / EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Leon	NWS TAE Tour / EM Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Flagler	County EM Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	G-400 Course Instruction (V)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pasco	FLANG Exercise / Dengue Fever Call
Region 7: Brian Carey	Okeechobee	LMS Meeting
Region 8: Keila Puello	Indian River	Flood Monitoring / NWS MLB Webinar/ Agency Representative App Admin
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Quarterly Meeting Follow-Up Admin
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	DHS OVS Meeting

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable

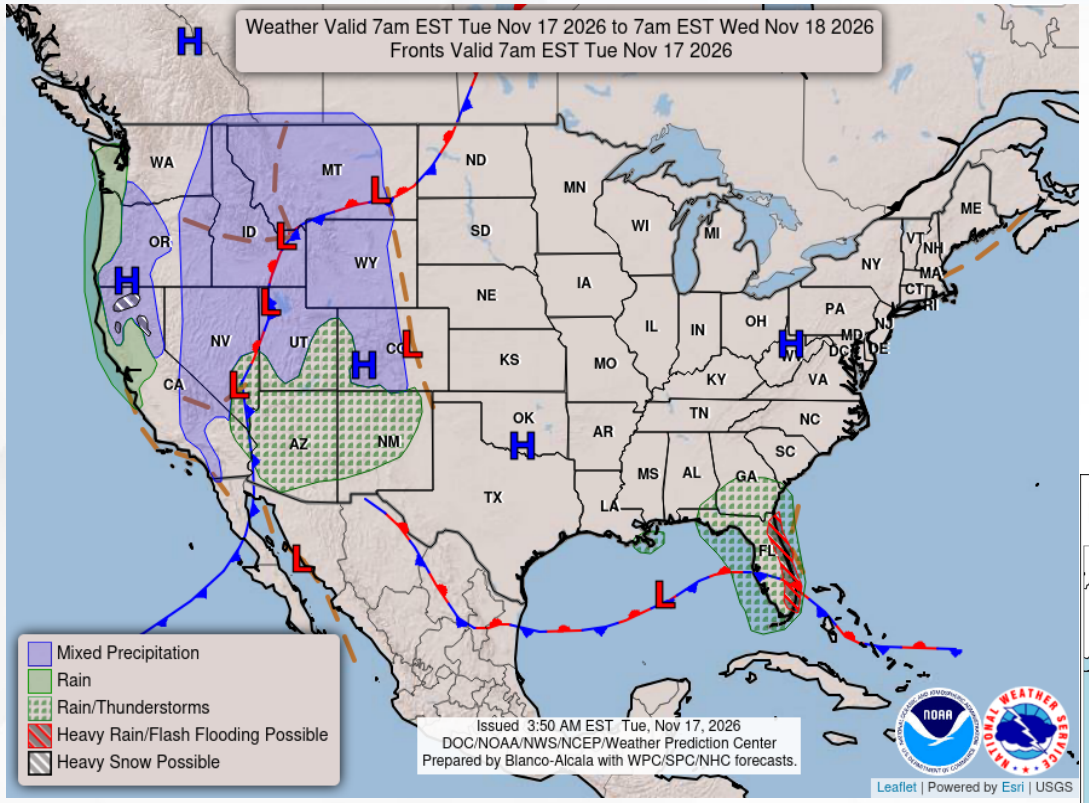
Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Escambia	LTRG
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	HQ Visit
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Levy	Tri County Recovery Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Admin Duties
Region 5: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Admin Duties
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	Quarterly Meeting Prep

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
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Region 8 & 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

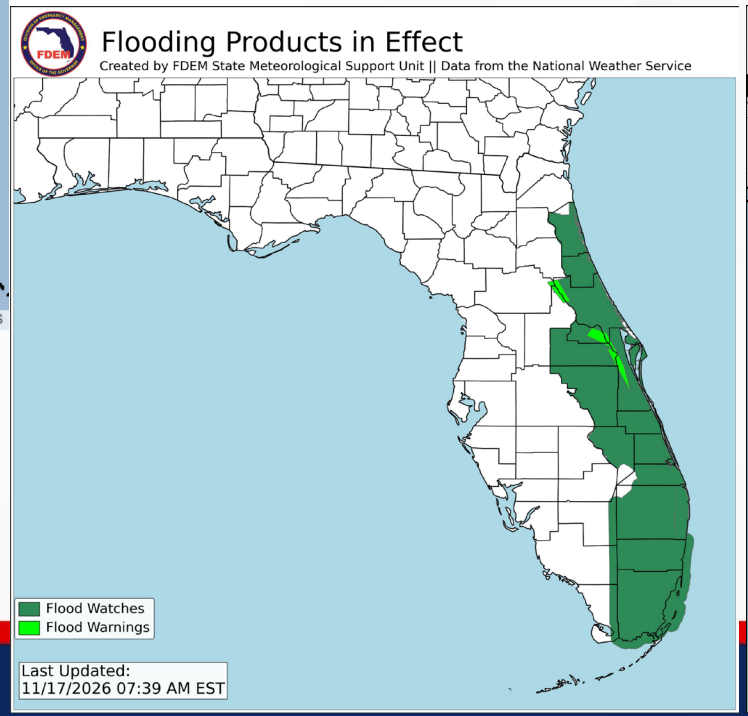
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In Region / Delayed Response
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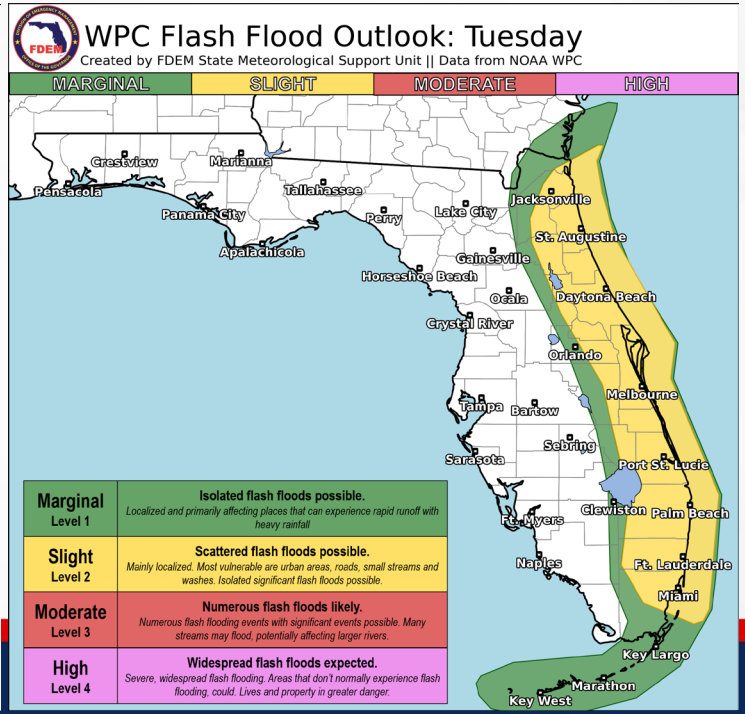
Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning				L	L			L		L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding				M	M			M		M
Cold Weather Hazards										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	H	H	L	H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	14.59 ft. (0.36 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	230 (+6) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





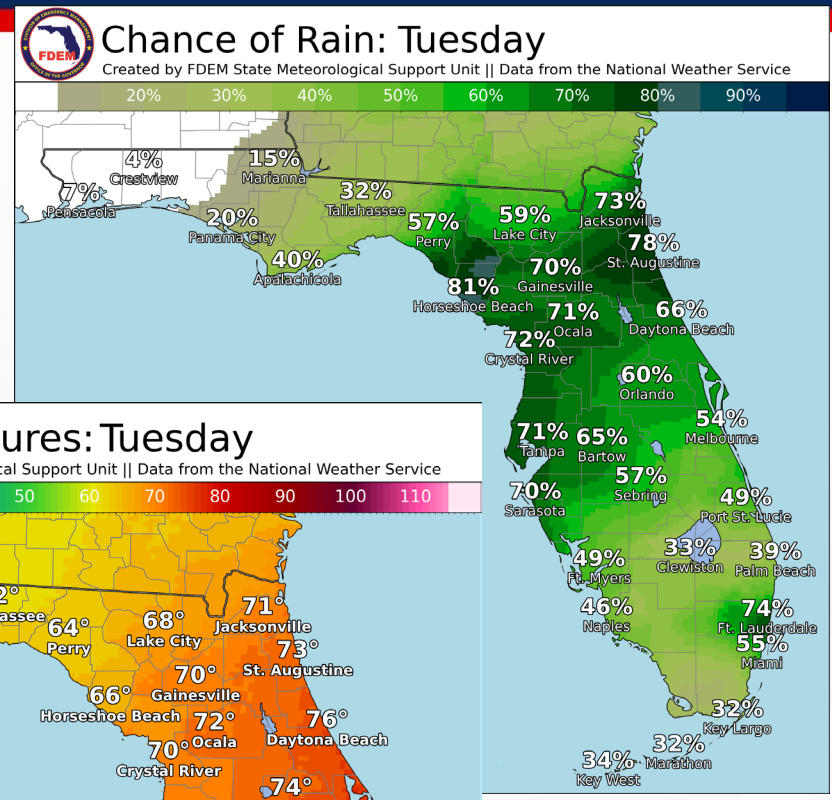
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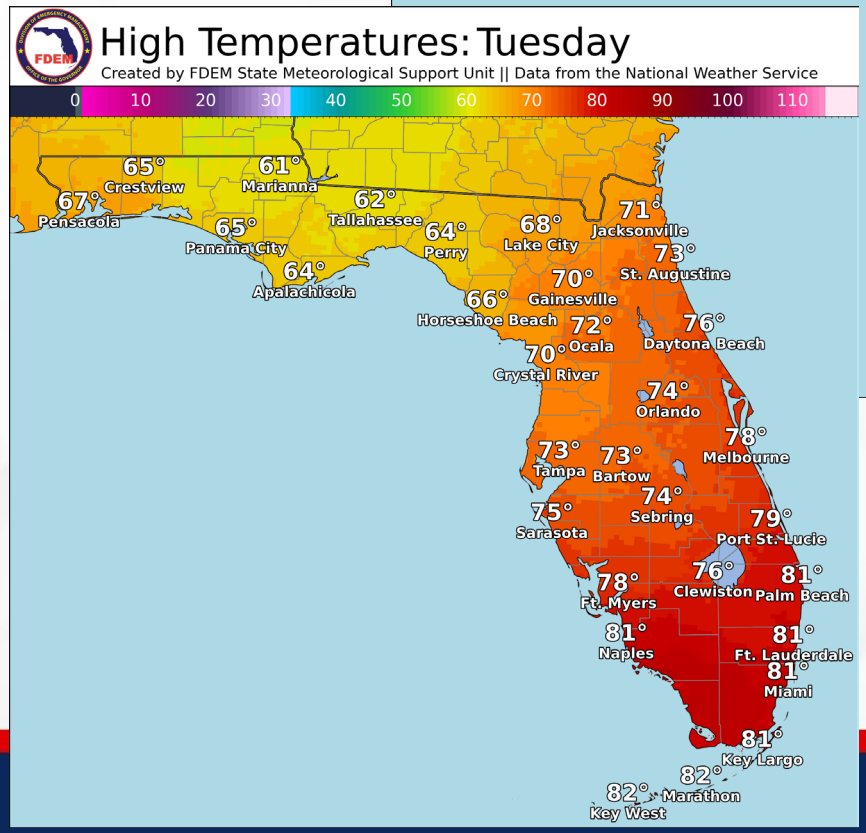
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A multi-day and potentially impactful flash flooding event begins today across Florida's East Coast. The atmosphere over the state of FL has moistened considerably since yesterday alongside increasingly strong onshore, easterly flow. This will help promote the development of widespread showers and storms off the East Coast of FL, moving westward with easterly surface flow. This setup favors intermittent development of training bands of showers and storms that repeatedly impact the same area. It is in these areas where the flash flood risk will be maximized. A **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across the entire East Coast. Widespread rainfall accumulations of **1-2"** can be expected today, with locally higher totals **in excess of 3-5"** in areas that do see the development of training bands. **Flood Watches** are in effect from St. Johns County southward, including some interior Peninsular counties in Central FL.

High temperatures today will be cool once again in North Florida as persistent cloud coverage and light rainfall greatly limit the degree of solar heating. High temperatures will peak in the lower to middle 60s in the Panhandle as a result. In NE Florida and the Peninsula – high temperatures range from the lower 70s in northern locations to the lower 80s in southern locations. Overnight low temperatures will range from the lower to middle 50s across the Panhandle, to the lower 60s to lower 70s across NE Florida and the Peninsula. Coastal SE Florida may struggle to dip below 75 tonight as warm and moist onshore flow continues.

Flood Warnings remain in effect along the St. Johns River until further notice. Further river rises are expected as a result of the expected multi-day heavy rainfall event.

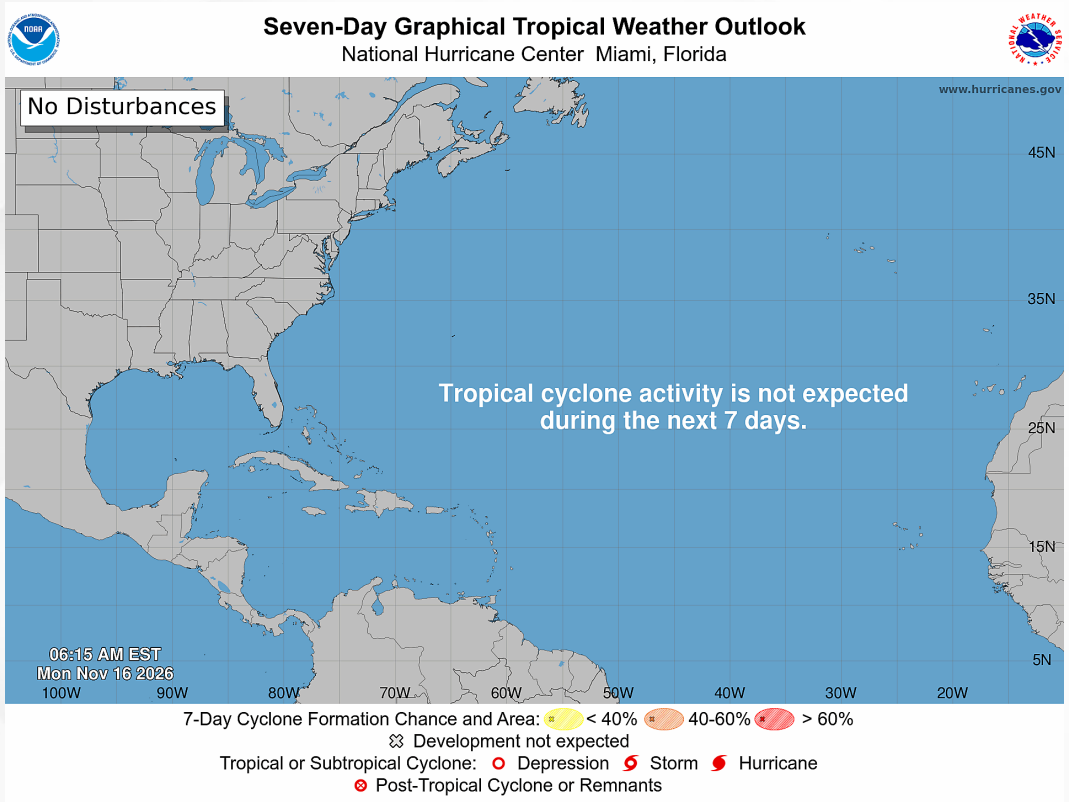


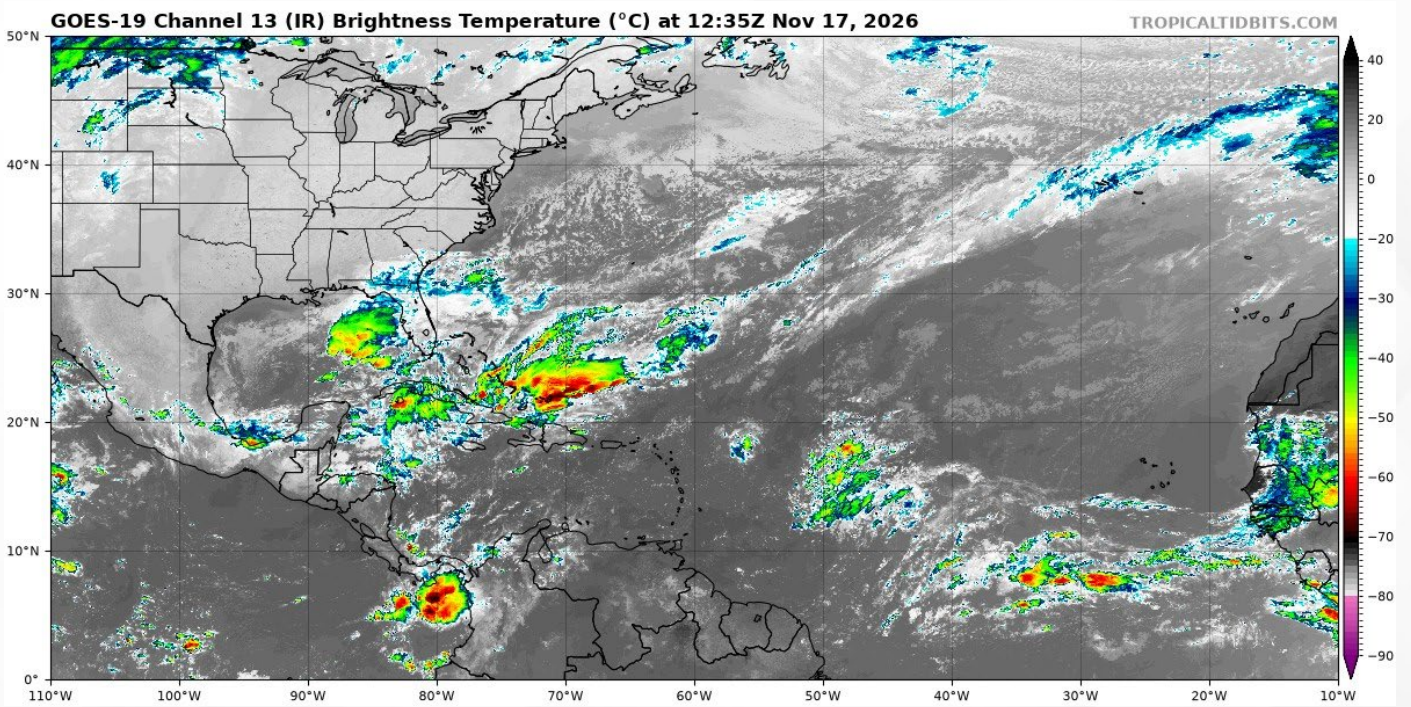


Tropical Weather

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 and most Panhandle Beaches today. 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 winds of **25-30 knots** across all Florida waters. A **Small Craft Advisory** is in effect this afternoon for all Florida Waters today. **Gale Warnings** are in effect across offshore Panhandle waters today. Wave heights increase to **8-9'** across the East Coast and up to **4-6'** across Panhandle beaches. West Coast Beaches will remain comparatively lower, at 2-3'.

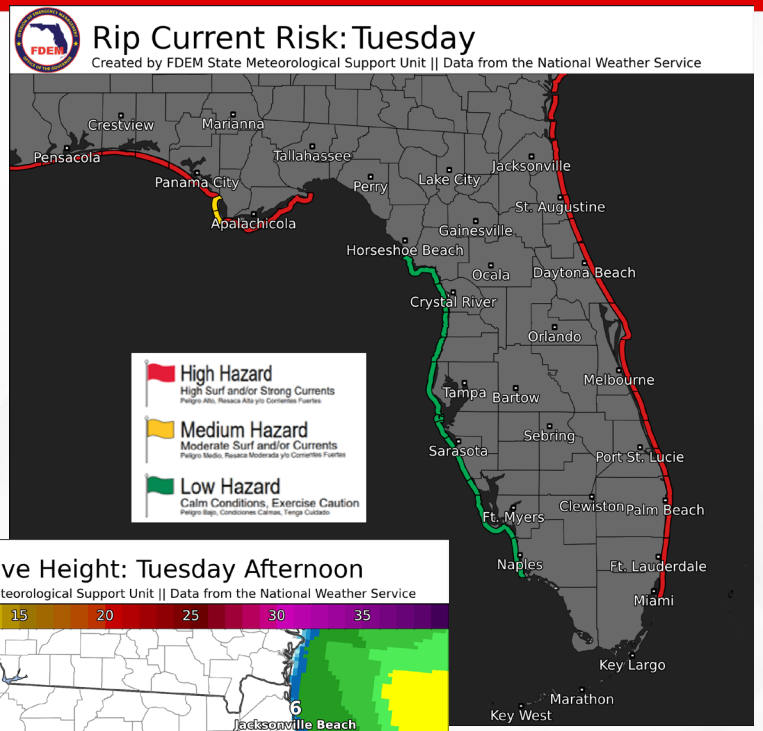
Red Tide: Red tide was observed at background concentrations in Pinellas, Sarasota, Escambia, and Collier counties. **Low concentrations** were observed in Walton County. **Medium concentrations** were observed in Bay County. **High concentrations** were observed in Gulf County (11/13).

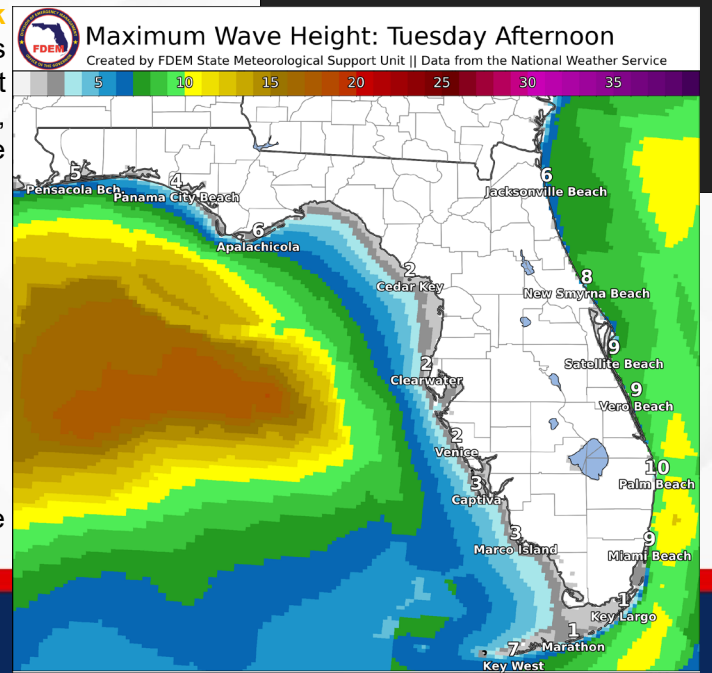
Coastal Flooding: No Coastal Flooding alerts are in place today.

Flash Flooding: A multi-day and impactful flash-flooding event begins today across Florida's East Coast. A **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked today across the East Coast as strong and moist onshore flow promotes prolific shower and thunderstorm development. This setup favors the development of training/backbuilding bands that could repeatedly impact the same areas. It is in these bands where the flash flooding threat is maximized. For today, widespread **1-2"** is expected, although some locations could be **in excess of 3-5"** of rainfall, with more on the way in the coming days. 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. The upcoming flash-flooding event is likely to exasperate riverine flooding concerns as rain falls over many of the same areas that saw flash flooding two weeks ago. Expect changes in these river flooding forecasts in the coming days. For information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 14.59 feet, which is 0.36 feet below normal for this time of year and within the normal operating band.



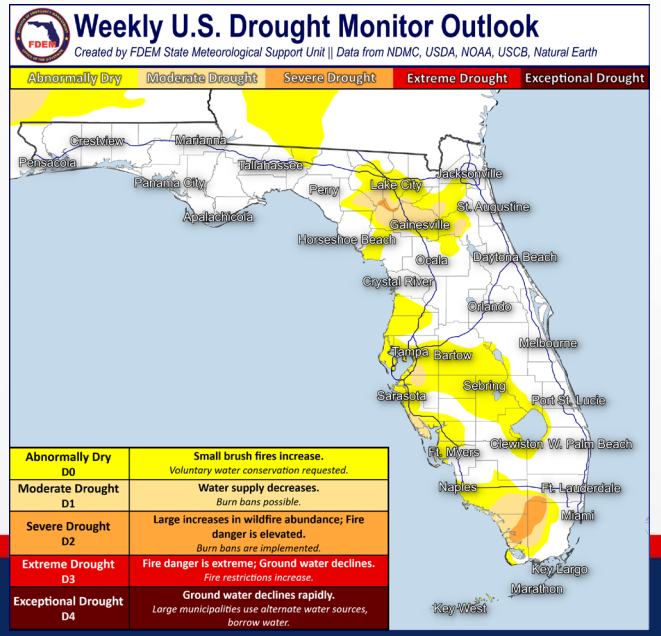


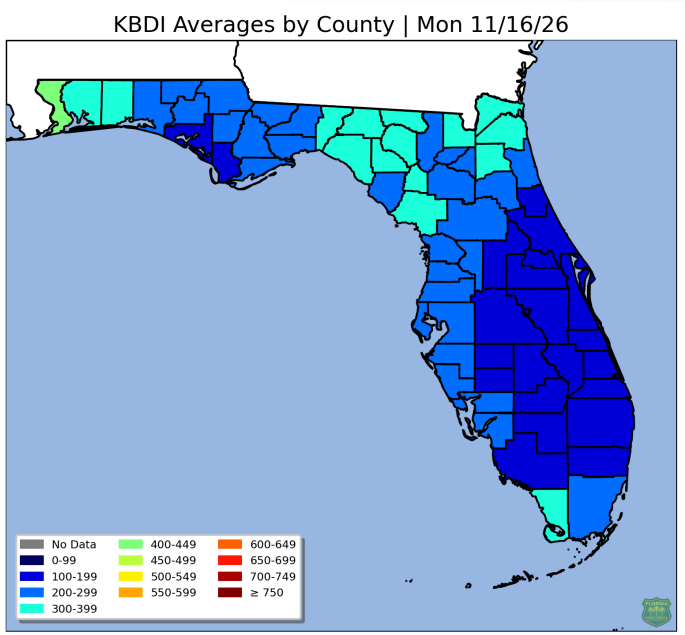
Drought & Fire Weather

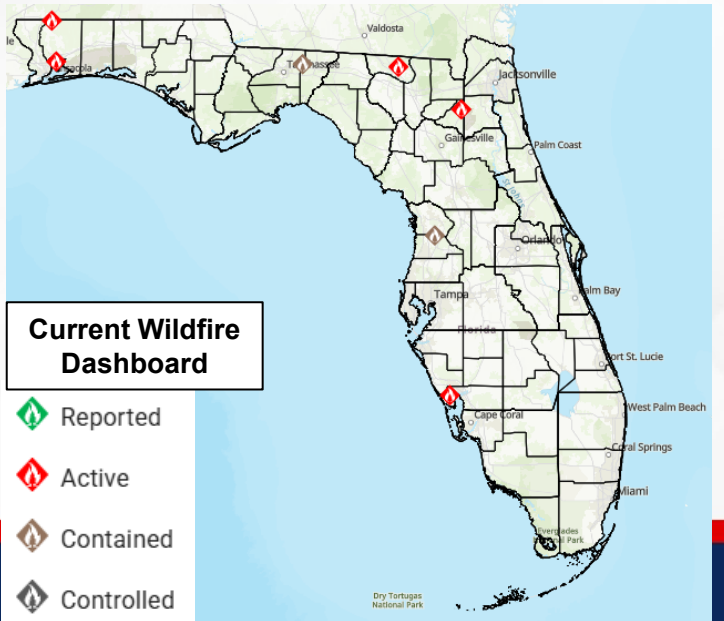
Fire Weather: No fire weather concerns are forecast today. Minimum relative humidities will remain unseasonably moist across the state as heavy rainfall and flash flooding develops along the East Coast. According to the Florida Forest Service, there are 7 active wildfires burning approximately 2080 acres.

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.

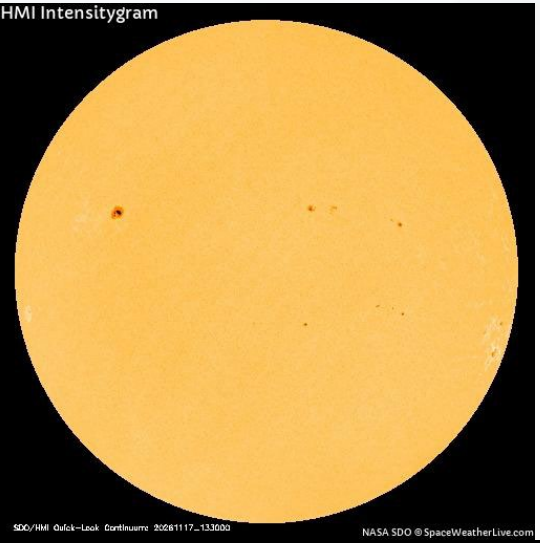
The Keetch-Byram Drought Index average for Florida on Tuesday was **230** **(+6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry).There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).



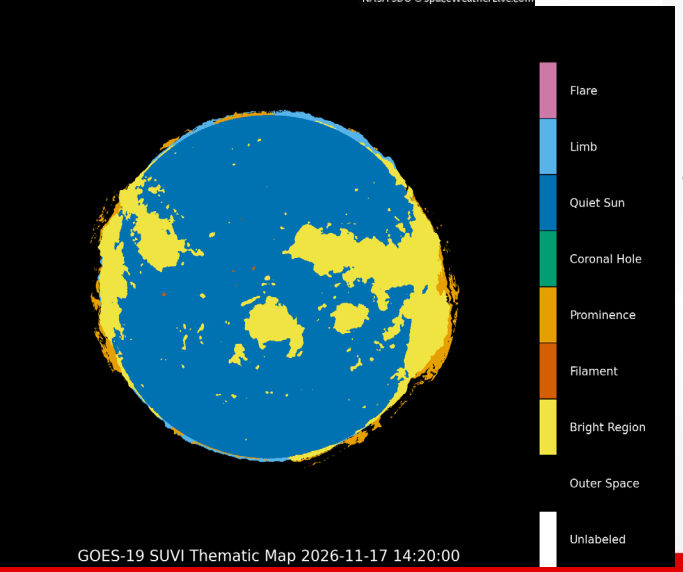


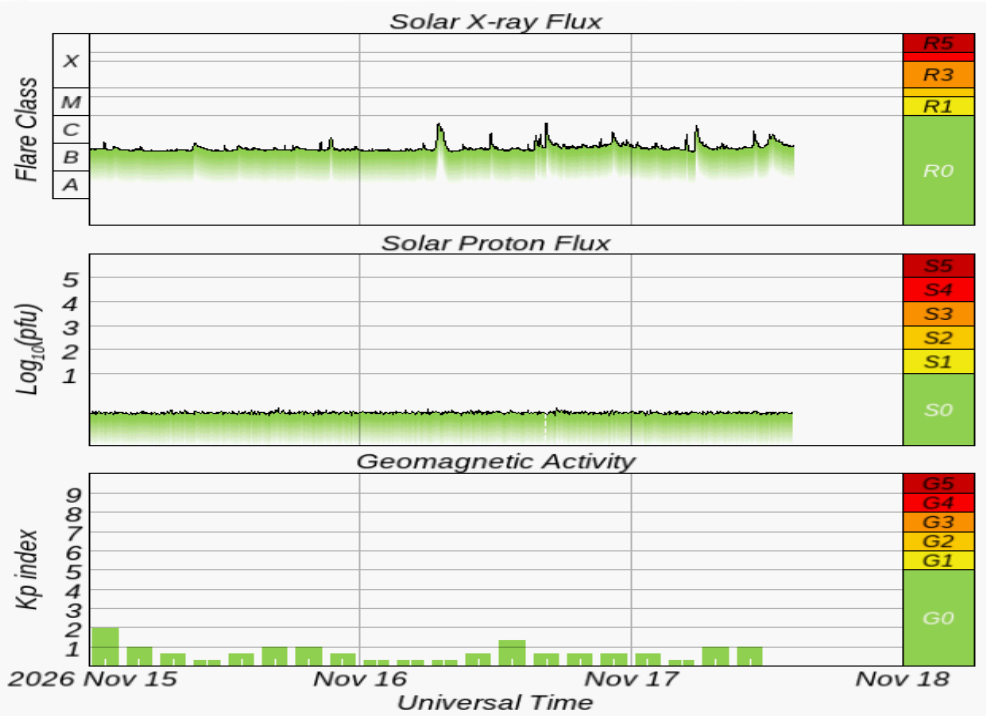


Space Weather



Current Sunspots





Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 15%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C5 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	Radio: None

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

11/17	11/18
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 25% 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 17-19 Nov. Weak enhancements to the solar wind field are expected from 17-18 Nov as +CH HSS moves in, with a possible arrival of a CME. Active geomagnetic conditions are likely on 17-18 Nov (G1, Minor) as the +CH HSS moves in. The overall space weather threat to Florida is very low.

SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
Phone:	850-815-4001; 800-320-0519; 850-591-0071	Operational	
Fax:	850-815-4979	Operational	
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
Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178; Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
Website:	https://floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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