Considerable to Potentially Catastrophic Rainfall Event Expected across the Florida East Coast Today through Saturday…Flash Flood and Riverine Flooding are Significant Concerns…Dangerous and Life-Threatening Rip Currents along the Atlantic Beaches through Saturday…Minor Beach Erosion Expected Due to High Surf…

Tuesday, November 17, 2026	5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook

Regions 1, 2, and 3 (Florida Panhandle and Big Bend)

No Threat	Low Threat	Moderate Threat	High Threat

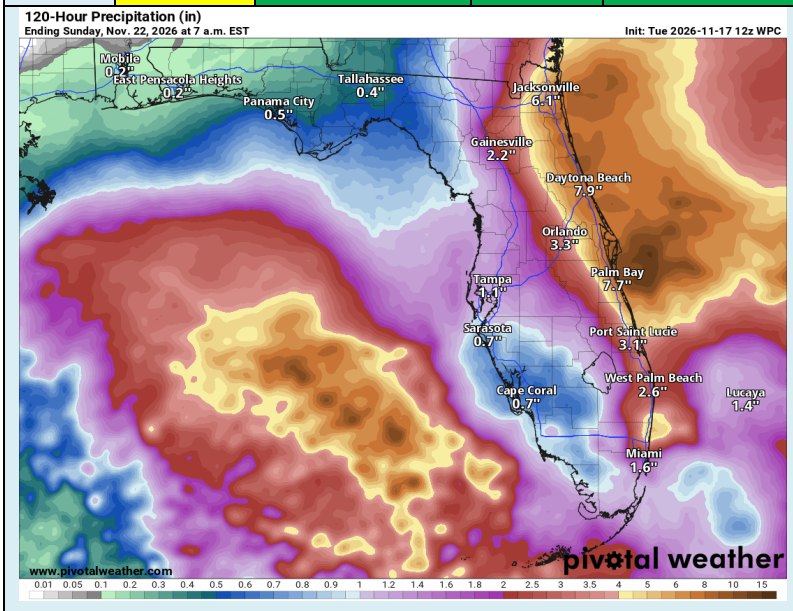
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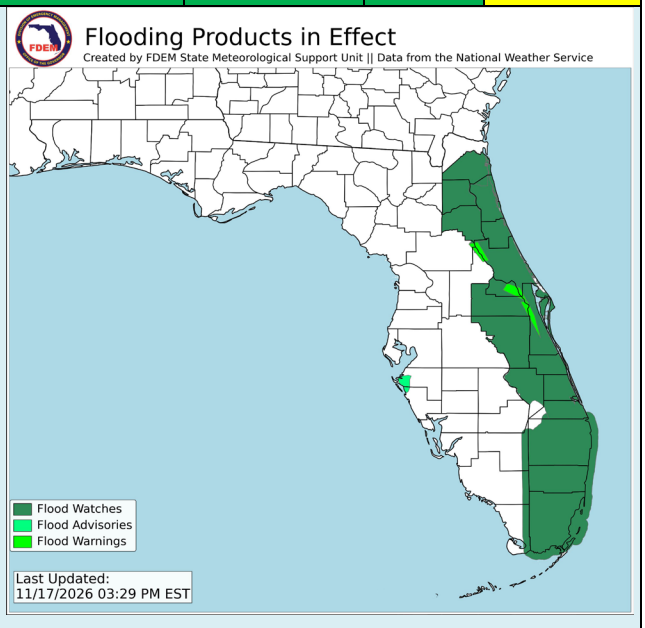
Regions 4, 5, 8, and 10 (Eastern Florida Peninsula)

Day	Lightning	Hail/ Damaging Wind	Tornado	Flood Hazards	Cold Weather Hazards	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
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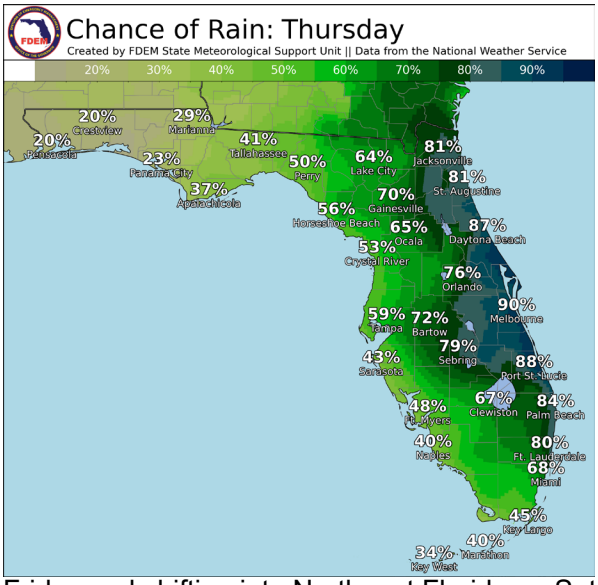
Regions 6, 7, and 9 (Western Florida Peninsula)

Day	Lightning	Hail/ Damaging Wind	Tornado	Flood Hazards	Cold Weather Hazards	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
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Forecast Overview:



An area of low pressure across the Central Gulf will move slowly toward the Florida Peninsula while a large area of high pressure remains in place across the Mid Atlantic States. This will create an environment of strong easterly low-level flow toward the Florida East Coast with strong westerly winds at higher altitudes moving across the state. This setup allows for the development of slow-moving bands of showers and thunderstorms to develop along the Florida East Coast from this afternoon through Saturday until the area of low pressure moves further away from the state.

By Wednesday afternoon, the airmass across the state will moisten considerably, and an increase in rainfall rates and amounts are expected through Friday. Along the immediate coast, widespread rainfall amounts of **4-8”** are expected. Isolated maximum amounts in any one location could exceed **12-16”**.

With already saturated grounds across most of East Central Florida, these areas have a significant flash flood risk. The Weather Prediction Center has outlined the entire Florida East Coast in a **Slight Risk (or level 2 of 4) for flash flooding** through Friday and shifting into Northeast Florida on Saturday. Indicating the severity of the event, this afternoon’s forecast has introduced **Moderate Risks (level 3 of 4) for flash flooding** across portions of the East Central Florida Coast from Indian River County northward to St Johns County for Wednesday and this shifting further northward slightly each day into Friday. It is highly unusual outside of tropical systems to see multiple days of **Moderate Risks (level 3 of 4)** in Florida outside of tropical systems. This underscores the significance of this event and why **Flood Watches for flash flooding** are in effect for most of the Florida East Coast.

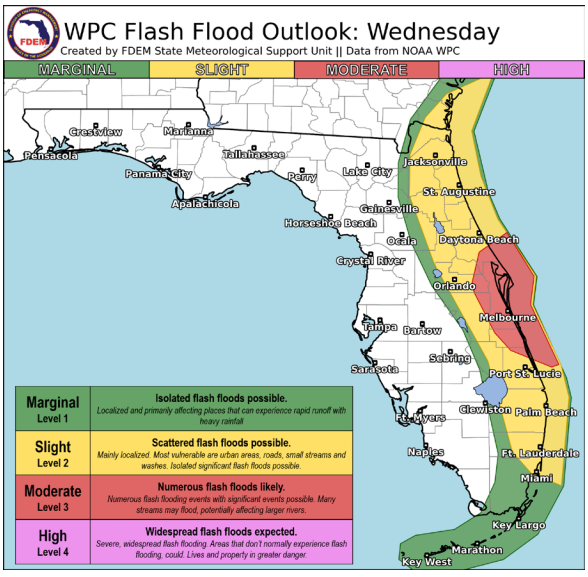
In addition to the heavy rainfall threat, strong easterly winds Tuesday through Friday will lead to dangerous marine conditions both along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of the state. The strong easterly winds will create large and battering surf along the Florida East Coast that could lead to minor beach erosion. This surf and strong winds will create a lengthy period of **life-threatening rip currents**.

Severe Weather Impacts:

There is no threat for organized severe weather through the next five days. For more information, please visit the Storm Prediction Center.

Flash Flooding, Riverine, and Coastal Flood Impacts:

Flash flooding will be the primary concern through Saturday across most of the Florida East Coast and areas just inland of the East Coast. With areas of **Moderate Risk (level 3 of 4) for Flash Flooding** embedded in a larger **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) area for Flash Flooding** spanning Wednesday through Friday, this event could be especially significant given the recent rainfall event two weeks ago across East Central and Southeast Florida. **Flood watches for flash flooding** are now in effect from Duval County southward to Miami-Dade County.



Most areas along the Eastern Peninsula can expect **4-8”** of rain through Saturday, which will cause flood issues. Areas that receive the higher amounts, that could exceed **12-16”**, will experience more significant flood impacts, especially if falling over already saturated ground. While there is still uncertainty in where the heaviest rain will occur, locations from Martin County northward to Duval County should be prepared for these higher end rainfall amounts.

The St Johns River near Cocoa remains in **major flood stage** and is forecast to rise with the expected rainfall. Currently the river at this location is 0.4 feet below its historical record. Locations further downstream on the St Johns remain above flood stage or are near flood stage. More than 3

inches of rain in the river basin will lead to additional river rises in the days ahead. Other rivers and creeks in East Central Florida, like the Little Wekiva, are especially vulnerable to flooding from this rainfall. In Northeast Florida, Black Creek is also a fast-responding creek when heavy rainfall occurs. Forecasts from the River Forecast Center only include the first 48 hours of rainfall, so river forecasts issued on Tuesday, only capture forecast rainfall through early Thursday morning, which is about 25% of the rainfall expected in the entire event. Residents living along area rivers should prepare for rising water and be prepared to respond if river flood warnings are issued. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center or the Southeast 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.

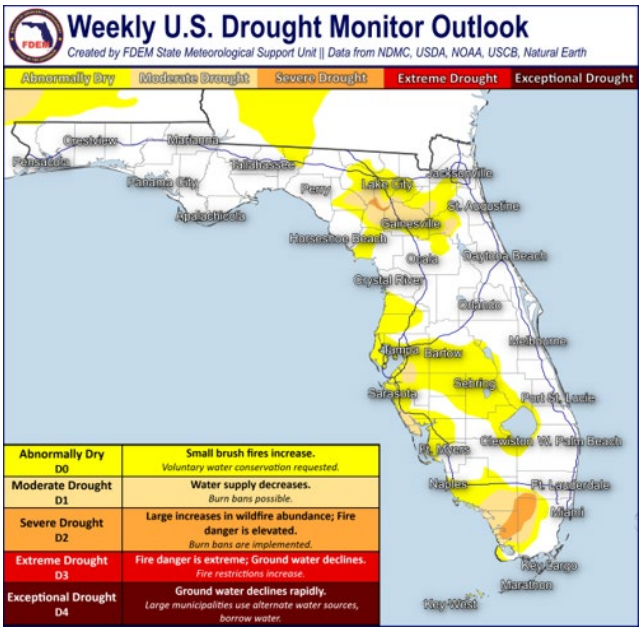
Tropical Outlook:

Tropical Cyclone development is ***not expected over the next 7 days.*** For the latest information, please visit the National Hurricane Center.

Extreme Cold Impacts:

There are no expected instances of extreme cold over Florida for the next five days.

Drought and Fire Weather Impacts:



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.

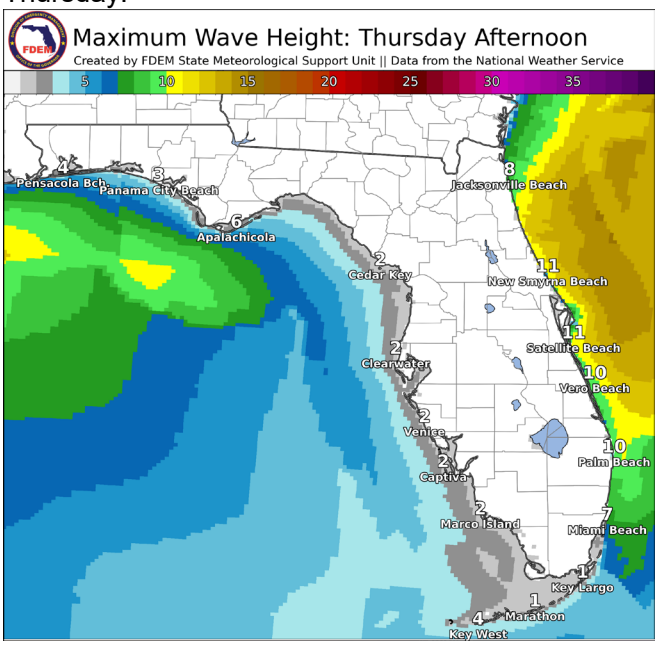
No fire weather concerns are expected through the forecast period due to saturated soils, relative humidities remaining above critical thresholds, and widespread rain. According to the Florida Forest Service, there are currently 6 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 2079 acres. The KBDI for the state of Florida currently is 230 (+21; change from Friday 11/13/2026). There are no counties with an average KBDI above 500.

Rip Currents and Marine Impacts:

Due to strong easterly flow, there will be a **High Risk of Life-Threatening Rip Currents** along Florida East Coast through the next five days. There is also a **High Risk for Rip Currents** along the Florida Big Bend and Panhandle Beaches through the next five days. There is a low risk of rip currents along the Florida West Coast beaches.

Gale Warnings have been issued through Thursday morning for the offshore waters of the Florida Panhandle and Big Bend. Winds of **25-30kt** with gusts to **40kts** will be likely during this time. Elsewhere along the Florida East Coast, **Small Craft Advisories** have been issued along East Coast waters through at least Friday due to strong easterly winds of **20-25 kts** with higher gusts. Along the Florida West Coast, Small Craft Advisories are also in effect through at least Friday due to these strong easterly winds of **20-25kts**. By Saturday, the strong winds in the Gulf will subside and conditions will gradually improve along the Atlantic. Wave heights in the Gulf of **3-5'** near shore and **5-8'** further offshore are expected into Friday before decreasing. Wave heights along the Atlantic will be much higher, generally **7 to 9'** near the coast and **10-12'** further offshore. The strong winds have high wave action will lead to minor

beach erosion along the Atlantic-facing beaches, where a **high surf advisory** has been issued through at least Thursday.



The latest **Blue-Green Algae** dashboard shows 68 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed in the Willoughby Canal. **Moderate levels** have been observed in Cliff Lake, Lake Rose, and Lake Louise. Red tide has been observed throughout St. Joseph Bay, Panama City Marina Boat Ramp, Grayton Beach State Park, including Cape San Blas. Visitors should continue to follow local health and water-quality guidance where advisories are in effect.

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