Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, November 18, 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	Walton	County Interview Panel Support
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Jackson	ERTF Meeting / SERT Call
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Suwannee	Special Event Planning Meeting / SERT Call / Alert Florida Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Office Admin / SERT Call
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	G-400 Course Instruction (V)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Manatee	County Commission Meeting / SERT Call
Region 7: Brian Carey	Polk	Flood Monitoring / SERT Call
Region 8: Keila Puello	Indian River	Flood Response / Alert Florida Meeting / SERT Call
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Sarasota	SERT Call / County THIRA Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward, Miami-Dade	Flood Response / ARC Open House. SERT Call

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable

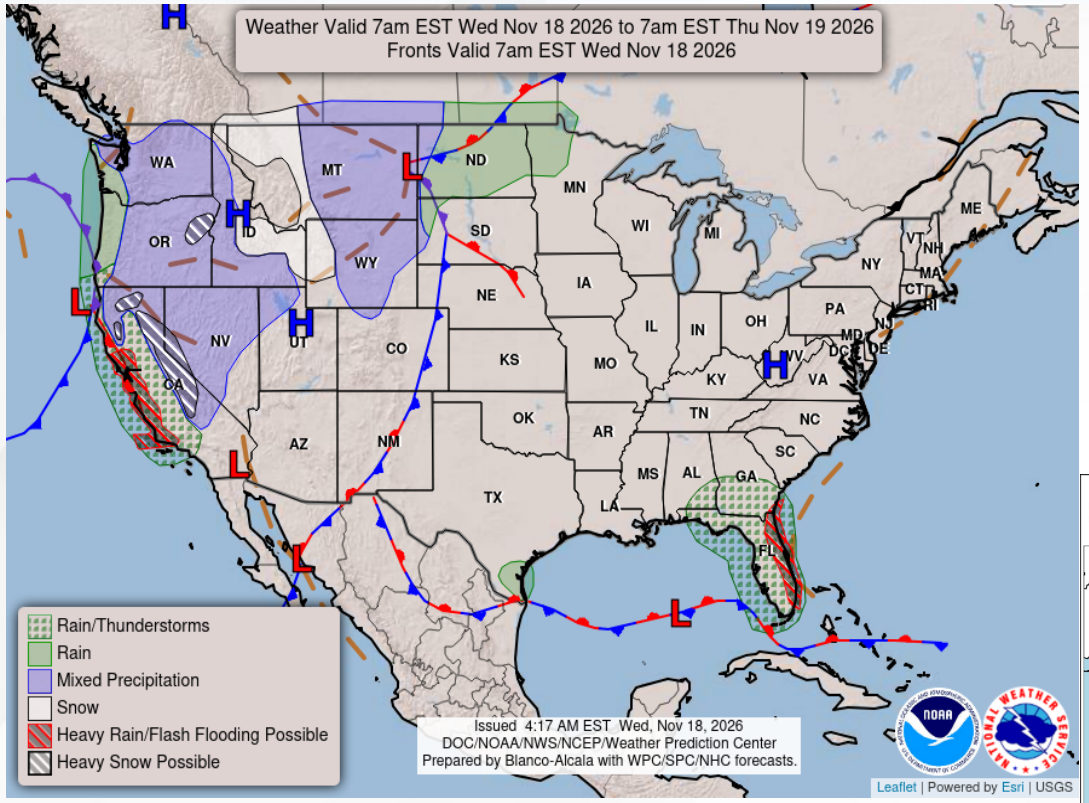
Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Escambia / Santa Rosa	Recovery Mitigation Mtg.
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Jackson / Calhoun	ERTF Mtg / LMS Mtg.
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Suwannee	EM Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Putnam	EM Meeting
Region 5: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Pinellas	LEPC 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	Corrections and Rehabilitation Exercise

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6
Region 8 & 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

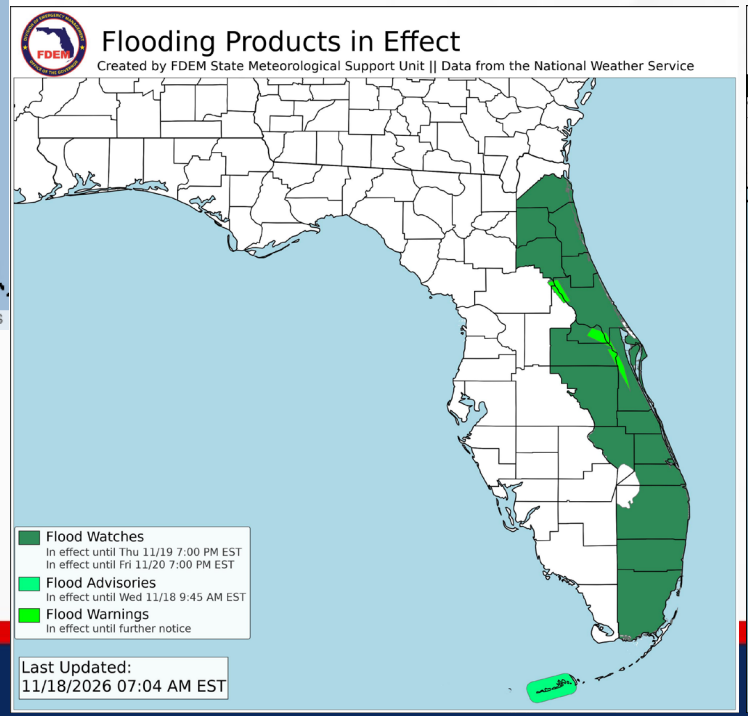
Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

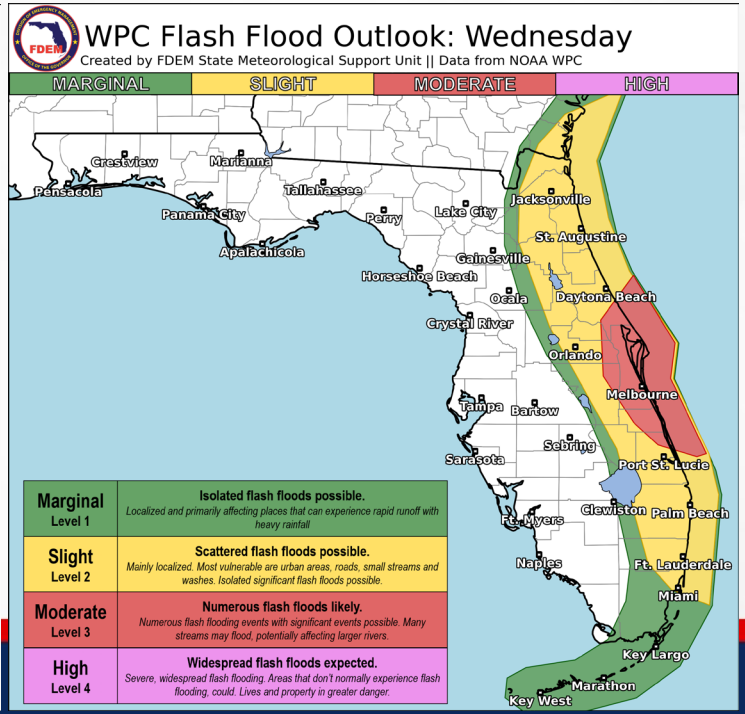
Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning			L	L	L		L	L		L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding			L	M	H		L	H		M
Cold Weather Hazards										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	H	H	L	H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	14.63 ft. (0.31 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	230 (+0) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





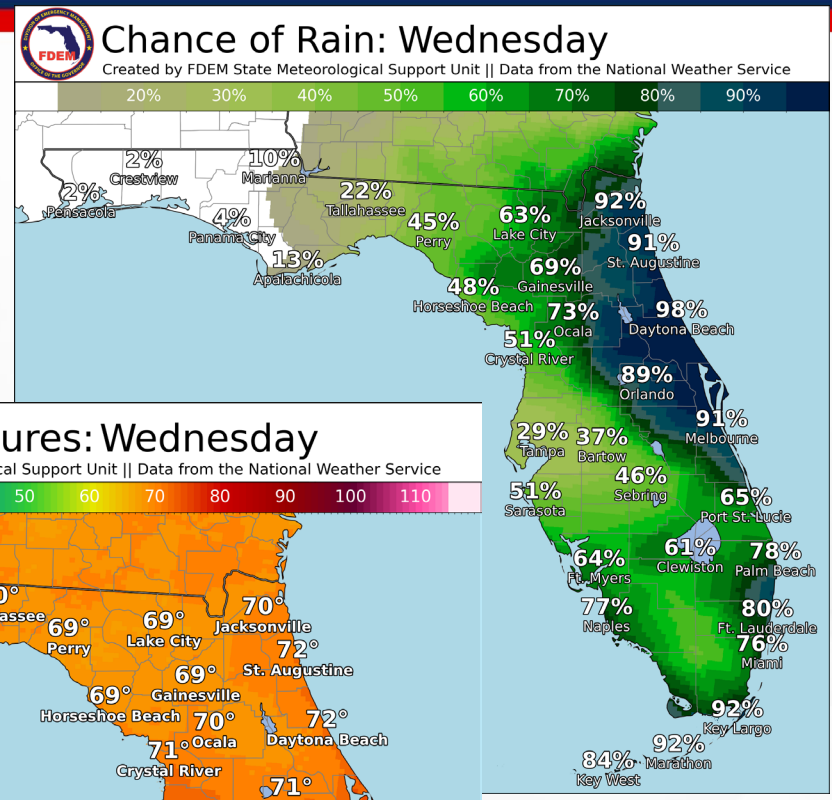
Meteorology Summary

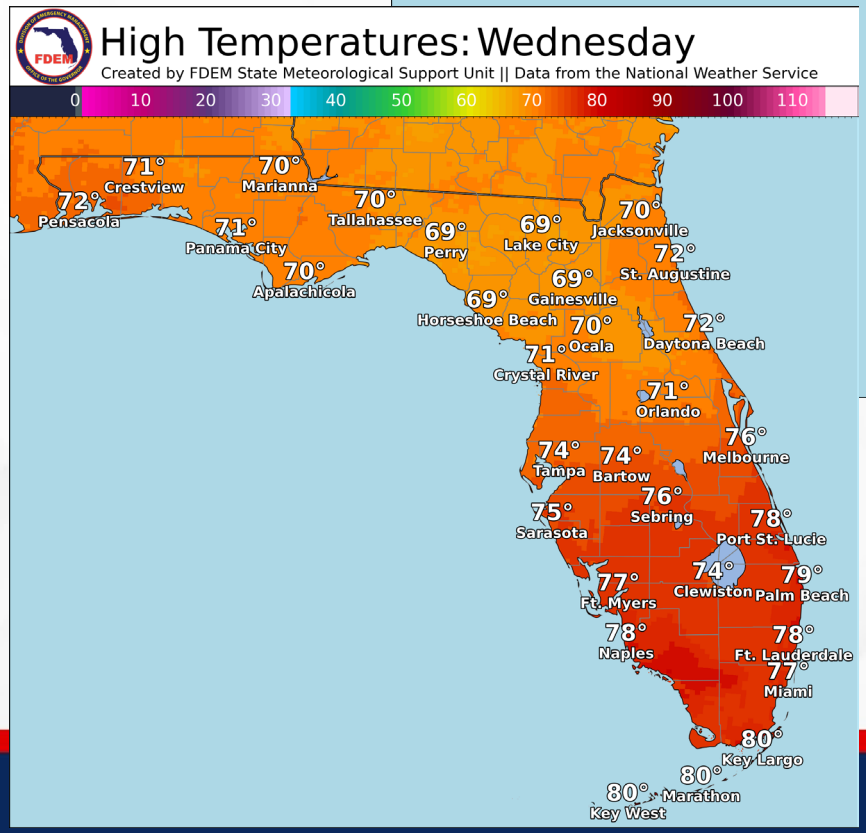
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A multi-day and potentially impactful flash flooding event continues today across Florida's East Coast. The atmosphere over the state of Florida has moistened considerably since yesterday, with some areas approaching or exceeding record precipitable water values. Strong onshore, easterly flow will continue today and worsen along the East Coast. This will help promote the development of widespread showers and storms piling up along 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 **Moderate Risks (level 3 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across Brevard and Volusia Counties, with **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** along the remaining East Coast. Widespread rainfall accumulations of **4-6"** can be expected today, with locally higher totals **in excess of 10"** in the Moderate Risk Area. **Flood Watches** are in effect from Duval County southward, including some interior Peninsular counties in Central FL.

High temperatures will be warmer today in North Florida, but continued and persistent cloud coverage with light rainfall should limit the degree of solar heating. High temperatures will peak in the lower 70s in the Panhandle as a result. In Northeast Florida and the Peninsula, high temperatures will be cooler due to the widespread rainfall and generally range from the lower 70s in northern locations to the mid to upper 70s in southern locations. Overnight low temperatures will range from the upper 50s to lower 60s across the Panhandle, to the mid-60s to lower 70s across Northeast Florida and the Peninsula.

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.





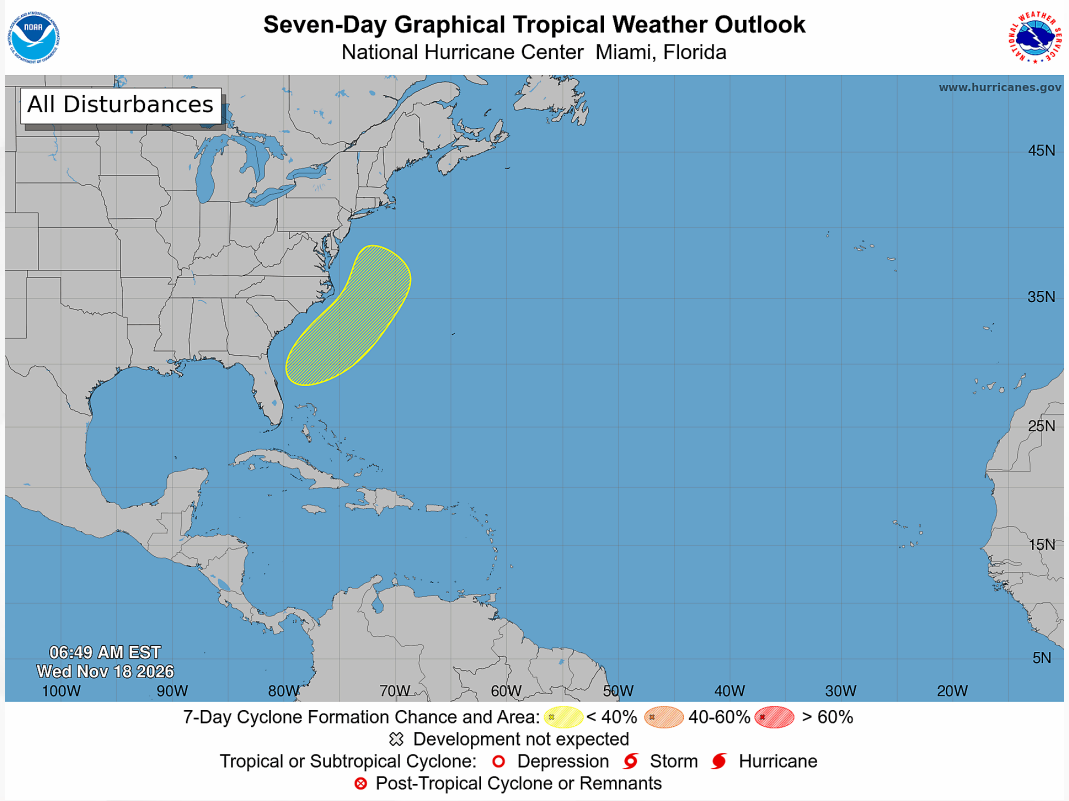
Tropical Weather

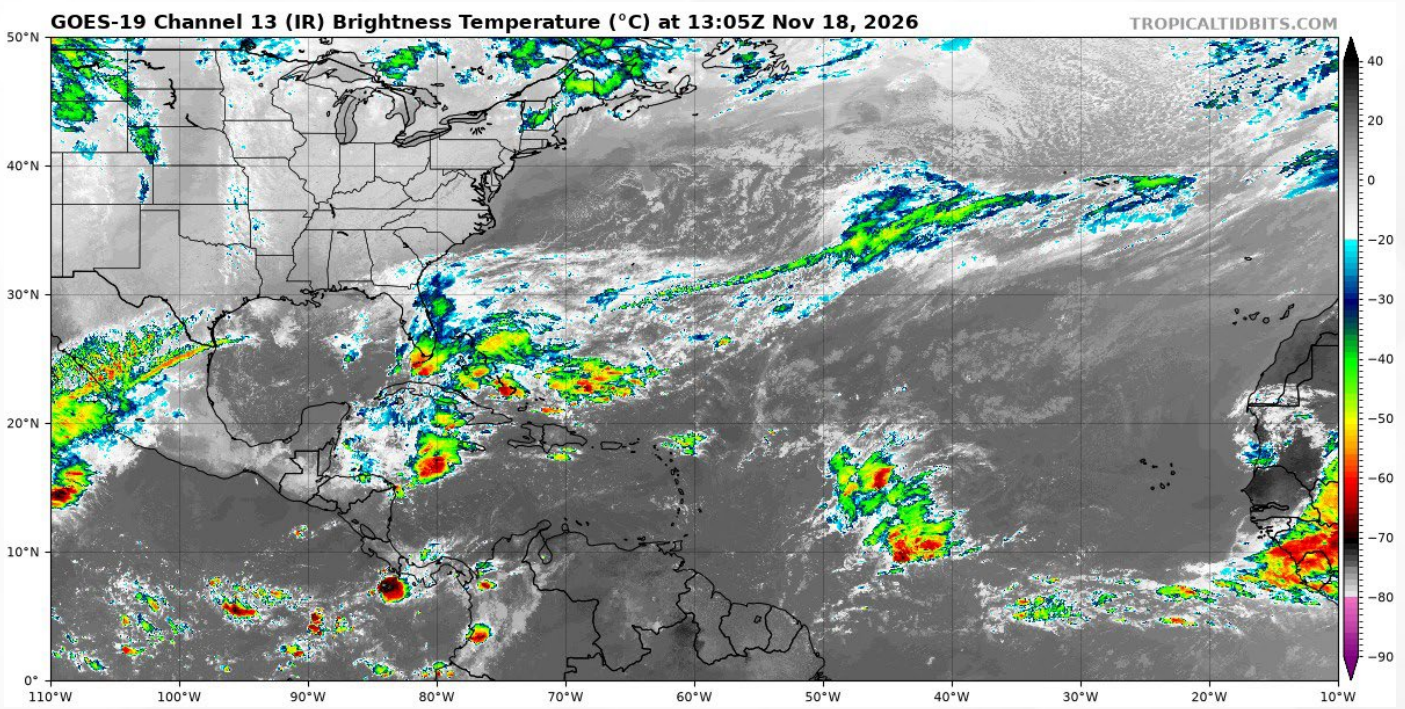
For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

Southeast Atlantic:

A non-tropical low pressure system is expected to form near the northern Bahamas by this weekend. This system has some potential for subtropical development while it moves northward or northeastward near or offshore of the southeastern U.S. coast through the weekend. ***This system poses no threat to Florida.***

- Formation chance through 48 hours...low... 0 percent.
- Formation chance through 7 days... low... 20 percent.





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** continue today with strong easterly winds of **25-35 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, with the expectation for Gale force winds along the East Coast today. Wave heights increase to **9-12'** across the East Coast and up to **4-6'** across Panhandle beaches. West Coast Beaches will remain comparatively lower, at 2-3'.

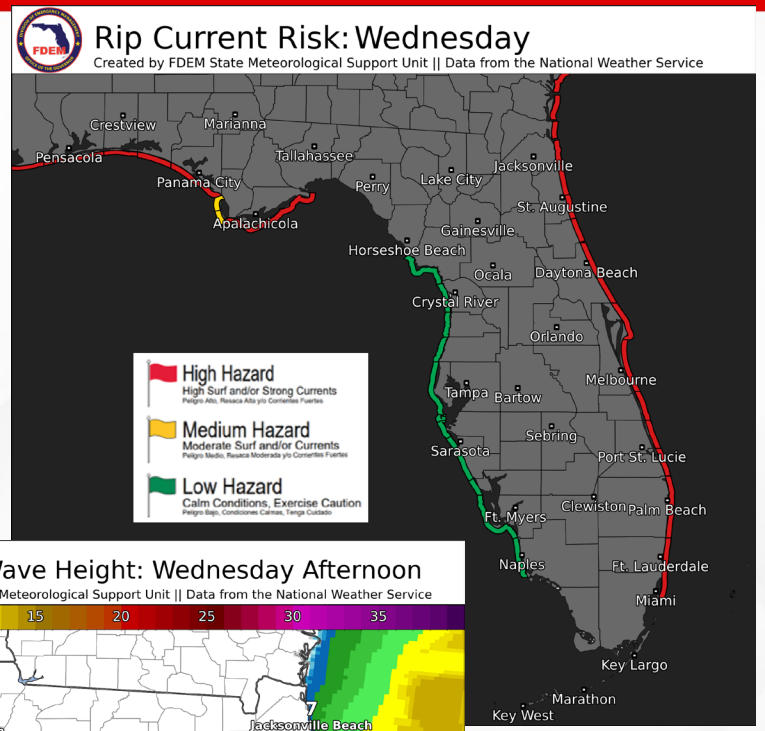
Red Tide: Red tide was observed at background concentrations in Pinellas, Sarasota, Escambia, and Collier counties. **Low concentrations** were observed in Walton County. **Medium concentrations** were observed in Bay County. **High concentrations** were observed in Gulf County (11/13).

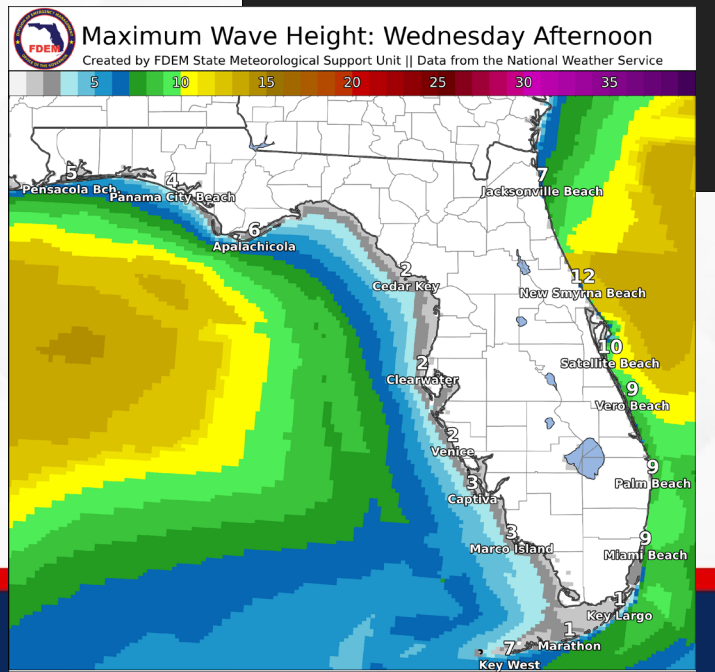
Coastal Flooding: A **Coastal Flood Statement** is in effect today across the Upper Keys.

Flash Flooding: A multi-day and impactful flash-flooding event begins today across Florida's East Coast. A **Moderate Risks (level 3 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked today across portions of Brevard and Volusia Counties as strong and moist onshore flow promotes prolific shower and thunderstorm development. Along the remaining East Coast and further inland, a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is in effect. This setup favors the development of training and back-building bands that could repeatedly impact the same areas. It is in these bands where the flash flooding threat is maximized. For today, widespread **4-6"** is expected from St Lucie to St Johns County, with **2-3"** expected along the rest of the East Coast. Some locations could be **in excess of 10"** of rainfall today, 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** with the potential for slight rises 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 14.63 feet, which is 0.31 feet below normal for this time of year and within the normal operating band.



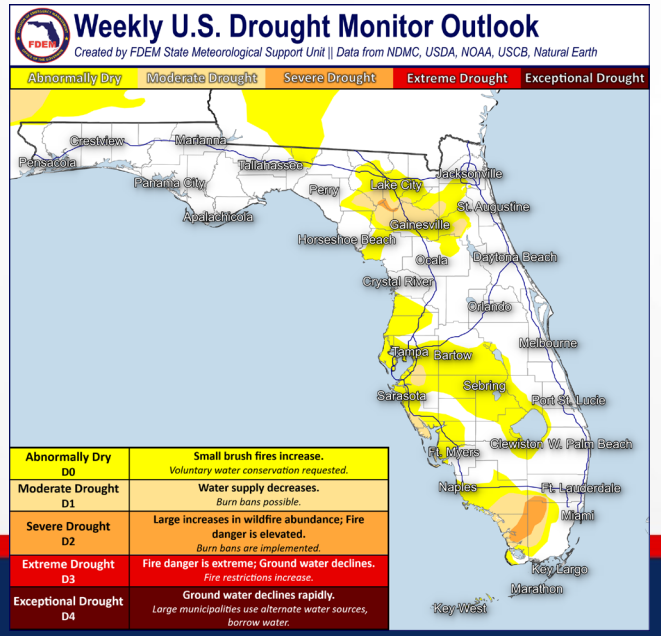


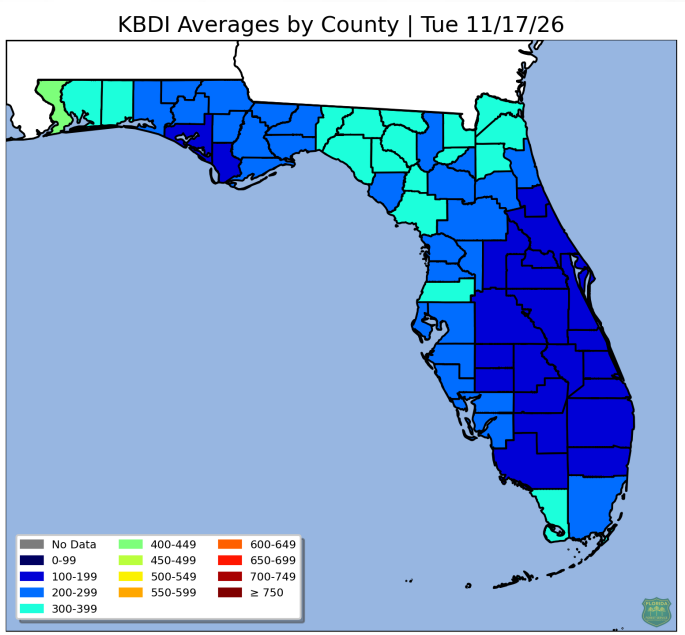
Drought & Fire Weather

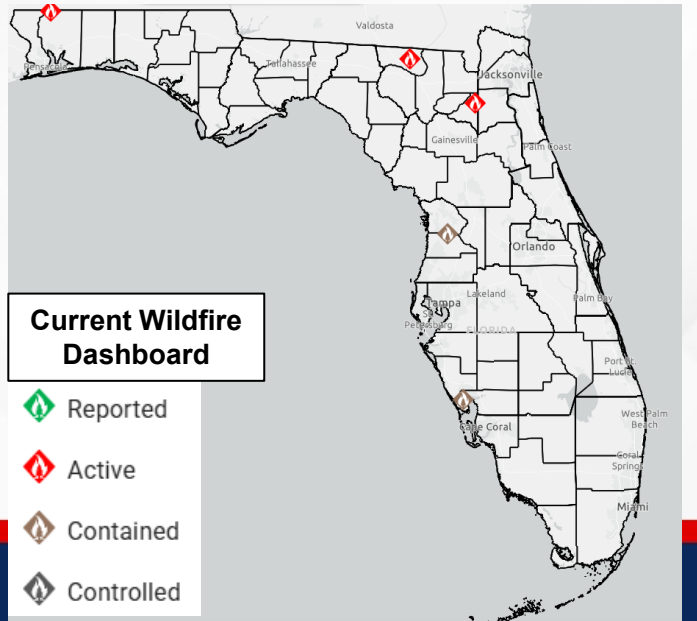
Fire Weather: No fire weather concerns are forecast today. Minimum relative humidities will remain unseasonably moist across the state as heavy rainfall and flash flooding develops along the East Coast. According to the Florida Forest Service, there are 5 active wildfires burning approximately 2080 acres.

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.

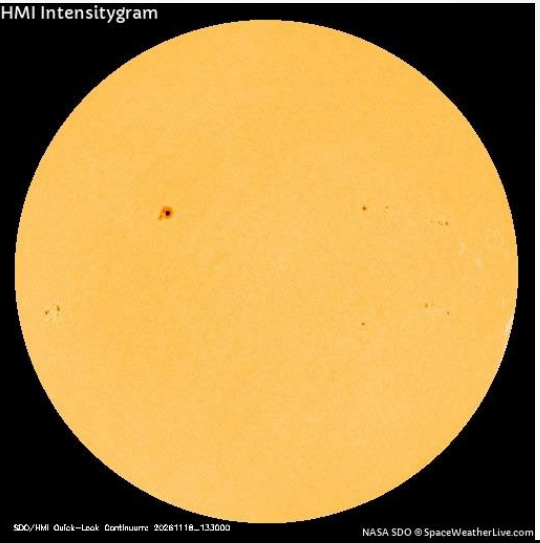
The Keetch-Byram Drought Index average for Florida on Tuesday was **230** **(+0)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry).There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).







Space Weather



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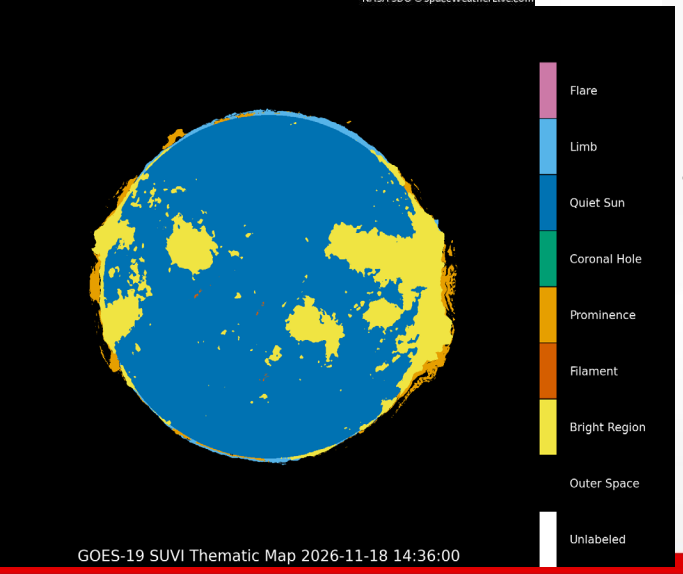

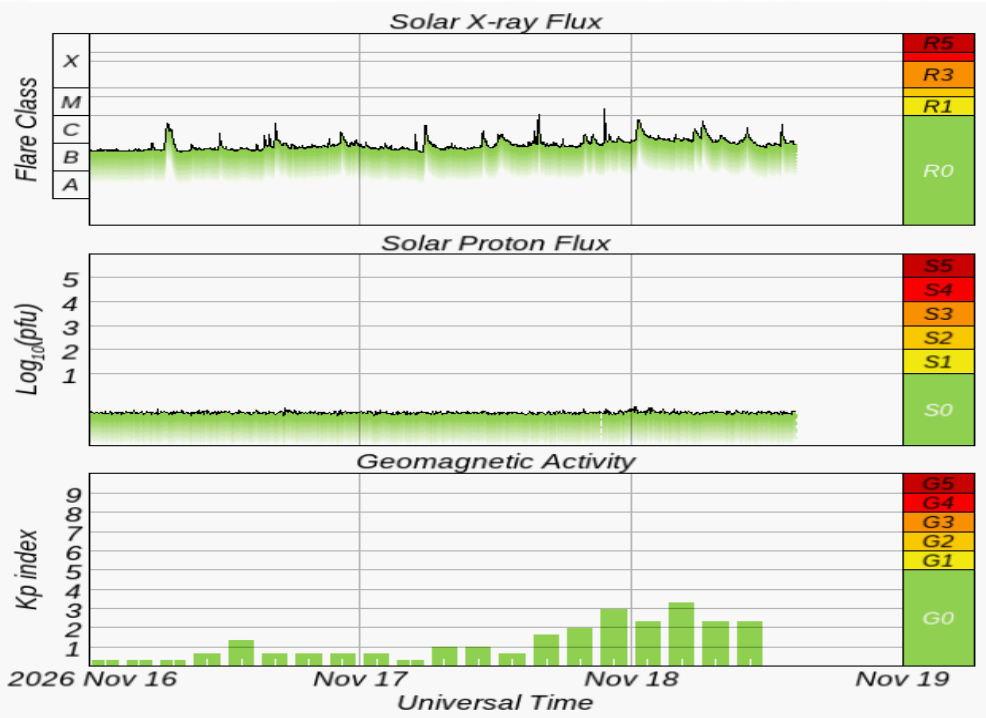

Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 15%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

11/18	11/19
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be low with a chance for M-class flares (R1-R2, Minor-Moderate) over 18-19 Nov. Weak enhancements to the solar wind field are expected through 18 Nov as +CH HSS moves in, with a possible arrival of a CME. Enhancements will wane even further by 19 Nov. Active geomagnetic conditions are likely today (G1, Minor) as the +CH HSS moves in. By 20 Nov, expect a chance for isolated active periods. The overall space weather threat to Florida is very low.

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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
Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178; Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
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