…Significant Rainfall Event Continues across Coastal Northeast Florida Today through Friday Night… Flash and Riverine Flooding to Worsen Along the St. Johns… Dangerous and Life-Threatening Rip Currents along the Atlantic Beaches through Tuesday… Moderate Beach Erosion Expected Today Across These Areas Due to High Surf and Strong Gusts… Quieter Weather with Slightly Warmer Conditions Moves This Weekend…

Friday, November 20, 2026	5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook

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

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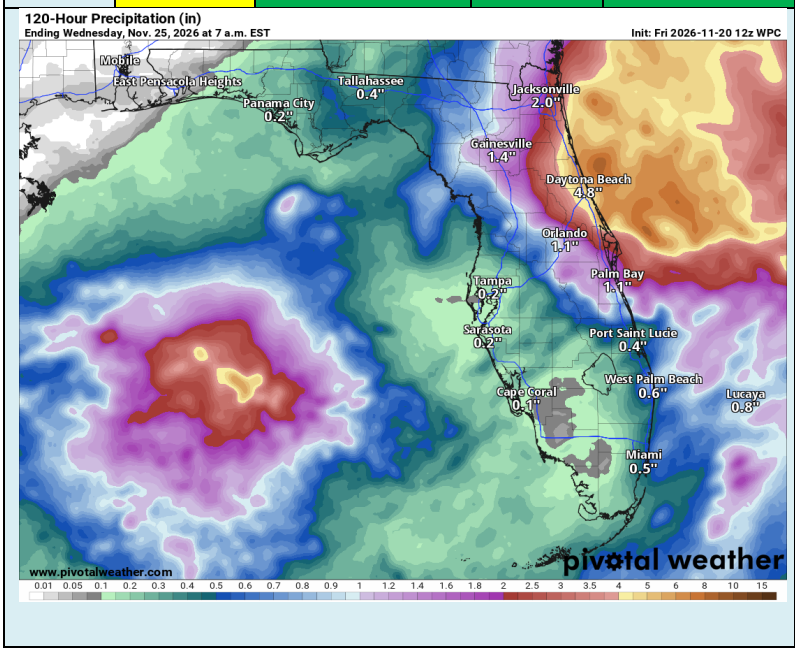
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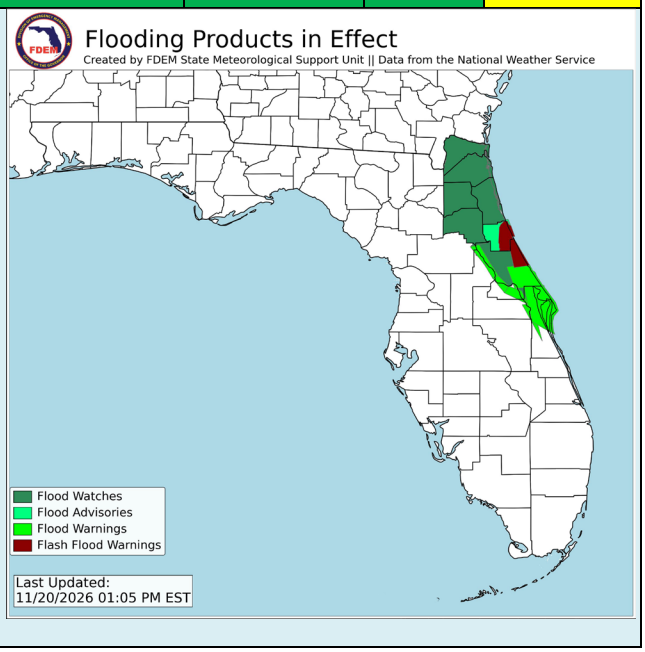
Regions 4, 5, 8, and 10 (Eastern Florida Peninsula)

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Regions 6, 7, and 9 (Western Florida Peninsula)

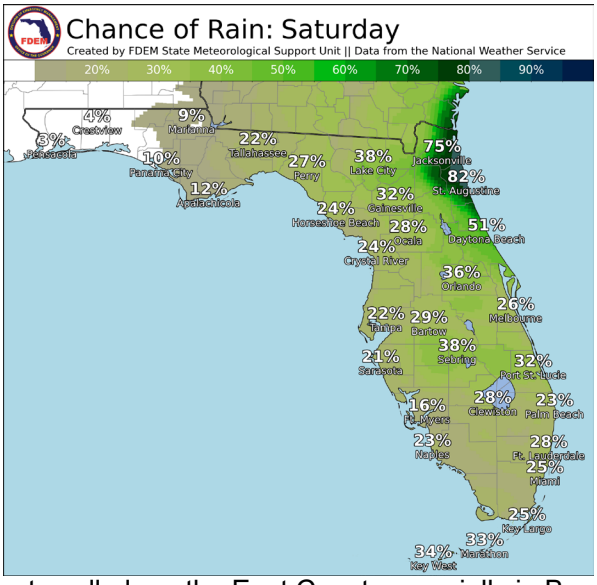
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Forecast Overview:



An area of low pressure has moved inland over Central Florida, bringing with it persistent rain bands and sustained wind gusts up to tropical storm force in some localized spots across Volusia to Duval counties. Along with this low pressure, a strong area of high pressure remains in place across the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast. This will create an environment of strong easterly low-level flow toward the Upper 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 in areas north of the low through Friday night until the area of low pressure moves further away from the state on Saturday. In addition, strong easterly flow has prompted the issuance of **Wind Advisories** along Florida's East Coast from Northern Brevard through Nassau County. Numerous wind gusts **in excess of 50mph** have been observed along Northeast Florida this morning and early afternoon.

The airmass across the state has been extremely moist over the last several days, and this has led to significant rainfall rates all along the East Coast, especially in Broward and Brevard Counties. Fortunately, the rainfall threat in the hardest hit areas has concluded, and the remaining flash flood threat will exist along the immediate coast of Northeast Florida. For today, widespread 24-hour rainfall amounts of **3-5"** are expected in the areas from Volusia northward. Isolated maximum amounts in any one location could exceed **8-12"** in any areas where training heavy rainbands develop.

With already saturated grounds across most of East Central and Northeast Florida, significant and considerable flash flood risks still exist today into tonight. The Weather Prediction Center has outlined the Florida East Coast from Central Brevard County and inland spots surrounding the Moderate Risk in a **Slight Risk (or level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** today, shifting to Coastal Northeast Florida through Saturday morning. With all of the rain that has fallen over the past 72-hours, a **High Risk (level 4 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across Volusia and Flagler Counties, indicating the severity of the event. A **Moderate Risk (level 3 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is in place across portions of the East Central and Northeast Florida Coast from Volusia County northward to Nassau County. **Flood Watches** remain in effect from Volusia County northward through Saturday Morning.

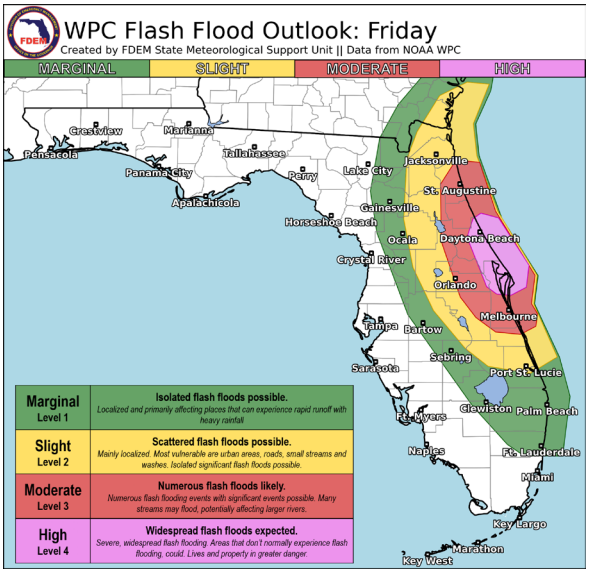
In addition to the heavy rainfall threat, strong easterly through Saturday will lead to dangerous marine conditions both along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of the state. The strong easterly winds will create large and battering surf along the Florida East Coast that will likely lead to minor to moderate beach erosion. This surf and strong winds will create a lengthy period of **Life-Threatening Rip Currents** through Tuesday.

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:

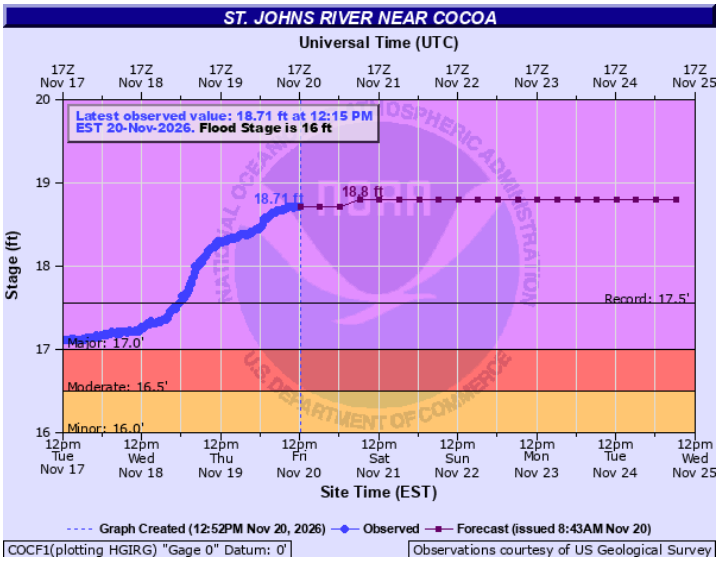
Flash flooding will be the primary concern through Saturday morning for areas across Northeast Florida. The highest risk for flash flooding today is over Volusia and Flagler Counties, where a small **High Risk (level 4 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is in place, embedded within a **Moderate Risk (level 3 of 4) for Flash Flooding** extending along all of Coastal Northeast Florida and inland areas. A **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) area for Flash Flooding** is in place from Central Brevard County and inland spots surrounding the Moderate Risk, shifting to the Coastal Northeast Florida Saturday. The worst of the flooding appears to be over for hardest hit areas, although there still could be significant urban and localized flooding in and around the



Moderate Risk area. **Flood watches for Flash Flooding** have been shifted northward and are now in effect from Volusia County to Nassau County.

Most areas along the Eastern Peninsula can expect an additional **3-5”** of rain through Saturday, which will cause flood issues due to the already saturated soils. Areas that receive the higher amounts, that could exceed **8-12”**, will experience more significant flood impacts, especially if falling over already saturated ground. Location from Volusia County northward to Nassau County should be prepared for the potential for higher end rainfall amounts.

The St Johns River near Cocoa is in ***Record*** **Major Flood Stage** and is expected to stay in **Major Flood Stage** with the potential for more rises over the weekend. The St Johns River above Lake Harney is in **Major Flood Stage** and is expected to reach ***Record*** **Major Flood Stage** this weekend. The St. Johns River near Sanford is expected to reach **Major Flood Stage** mid next week and the St. Johns River near Deland will rise into **Major Flood Stage** by this weekend. Finally, the St Johns River at Astor has risen to **Moderate Flood Stage** and is expected to rise into **Major Flood Stage** by next week. The flash-flooding event has exasperated riverine flooding; however, rain is finally coming to an end over the same areas that saw flash flooding two weeks ago. There could be changes in these river flooding forecasts in the coming days. In Northeast Florida, Black Creek is also a fast-responding creek when heavy rainfall occurs. Forecasts from the River Forecast Center have the creek in Action Stage and gradually rising. 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.



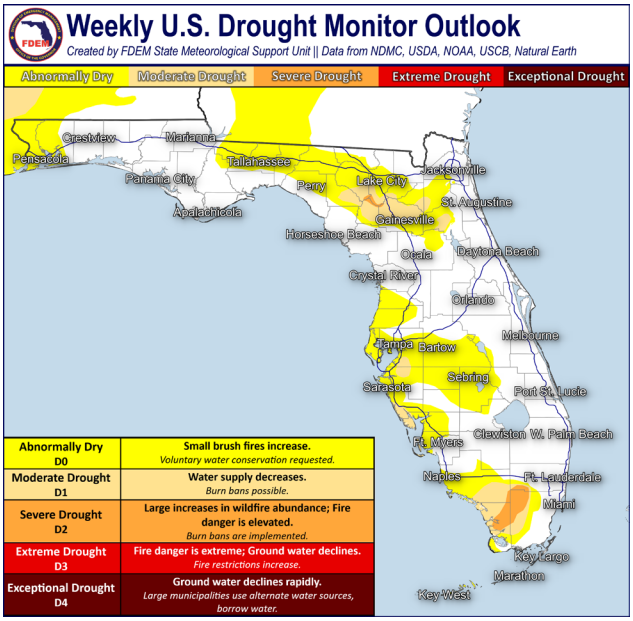
Lake Okeechobee’s average elevation is 14.76 feet, which is 0.17 feet below normal for this time of year and within the normal operating band.

Tropical Outlook:

Surface observations indicate that a broad low-pressure area is now located near the east coast of central Florida. The low is currently producing disorganized showers and thunderstorms extending from the central Florida peninsula east-southeastward over the Atlantic. This system could acquire subtropical or tropical characteristics while it moves generally northward to north-northeastward near or just offshore of the southeastern United States coast through the weekend. ***This system poses no threat to Florida.*** Formation chance through 48 hours is at 30 percent. Formation chance through 7 days are 40 percent. 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, with more improvements on the way. 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

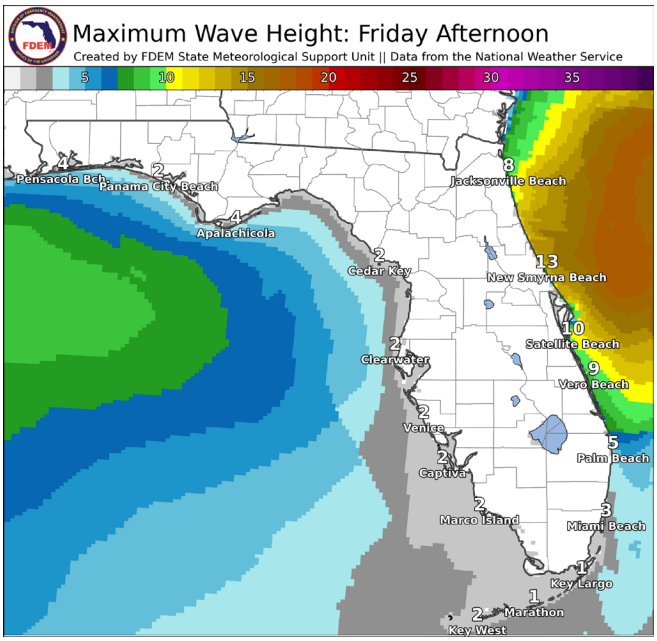
severe drought (level 2 of 4) remains in North Central Florida. Much of the state is not in a drought designation this week. Only about 1% of the state remains in **severe drought (level 2 of 4).** Slight drought increases were made across the Suwannee River Basin westward to Gadsden County. Slight drought increases were also placed over Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. About 64% of the state has no drought designation.

No fire weather concerns are expected through the forecast period due to exceptionally saturated soils from recent rains and relative humidities remaining well above critical thresholds. According to the Florida Forest Service, there is currently 1 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 2060 acres. The KBDI for the state of Florida currently is 156 (-100; change from Tuesday 11/17/2026). 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 46 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed in Doctors Lake, Georges Lake, and Lake Pearl. **Moderate levels** have been observed throughout the St. Johns River Basin, Crescent Lake, Lake Louise, Lake Jesup, Lake Rose, Willoughby Canal, Lake Thonotosassa, Lake Marian, STA1W – Cell 1A & 1B, Lake Avalon, and Cliff Lake. Visitors should continue to follow local health and water-quality guidance where advisories are in effect. **Red Tide** has been observed throughout coastal Bay and Gulf Counties.

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Have a Great Weekend!

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