Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, November 24, 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	Gadsden	Office Admin
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	SEOC / EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia, Baker	Coordinator Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Regional Meeting Prep
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Dengue Fever Meeting
Region 7: Brian Carey	Polk	Flood Follow-up
Region 8: Keila Puello	St Lucie	Flood Follow-up
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward, Miami-Dade	Flood Response / Exercise Meeting

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable

Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	N/A	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	N/A	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Broward	Fall Flooding
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Fall Flooding Checks
Region 5: Vacant	N/A	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Polk	FL-COCO Visit
Region 7: Allen Renn	Polk	Meeting with Response R7
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 10: Brian Lee	Broward	Fall Flooding

Region 1 & 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
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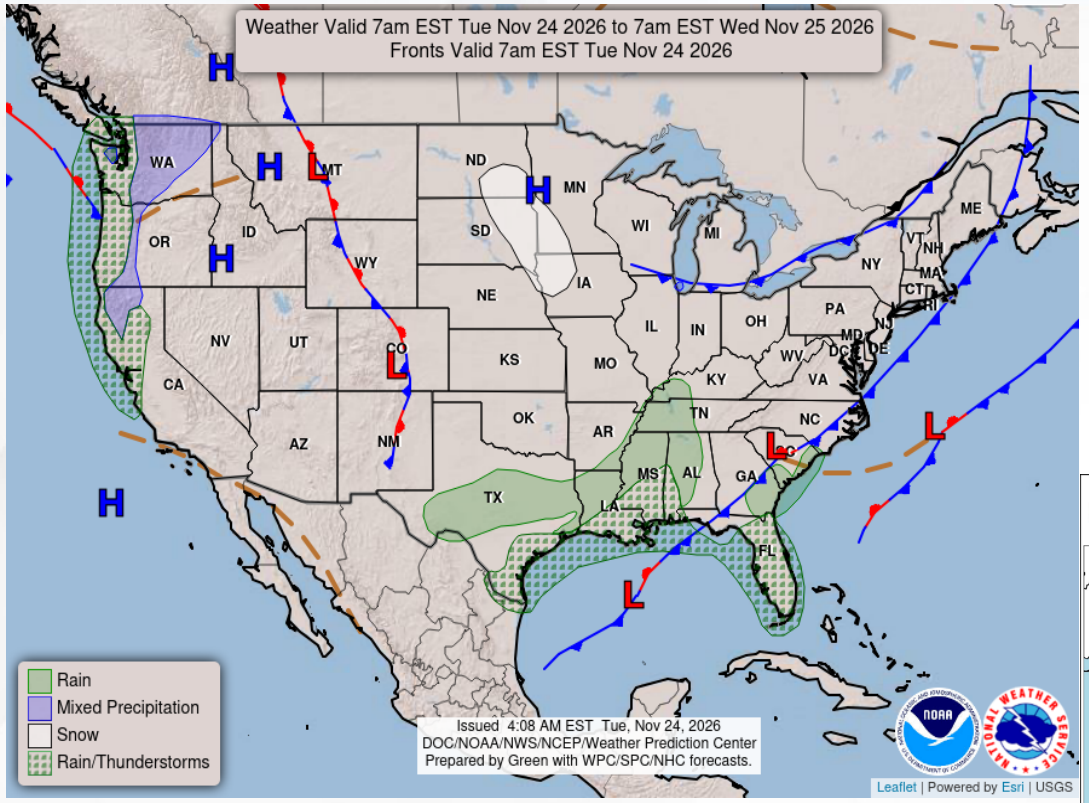
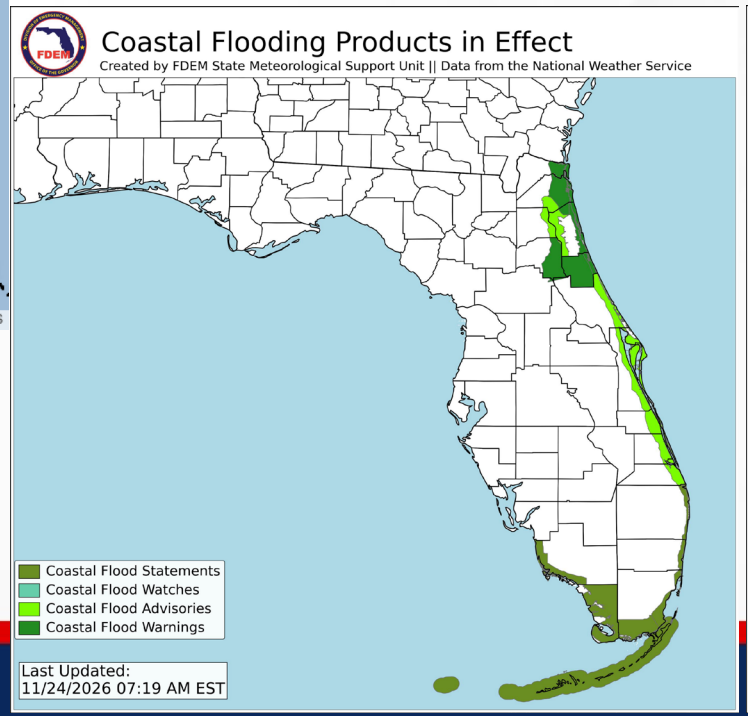
Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

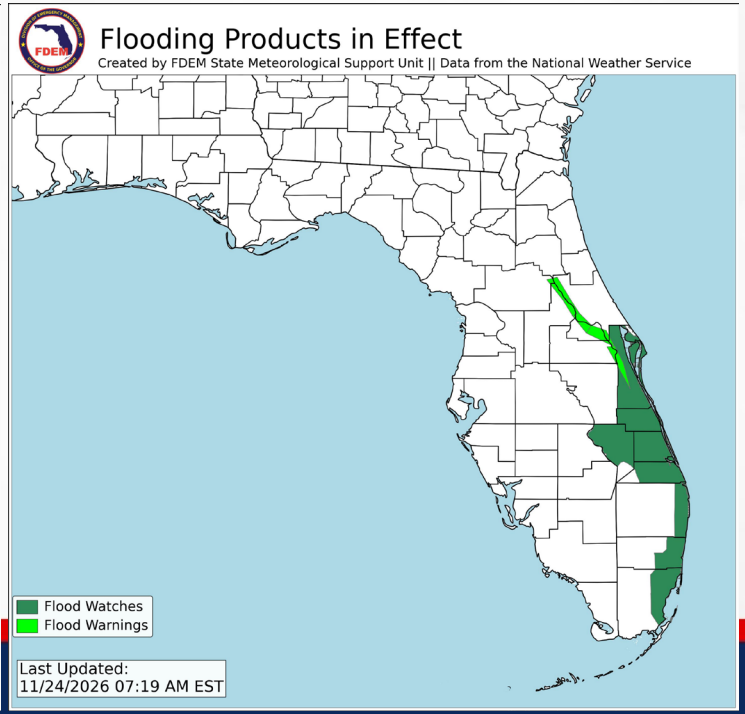
Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning								L	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail					L			L	L	L
Flash Flooding										
Cold Weather Hazards										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	14.99 ft. (0.10 ft. Above Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	118 (+7) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





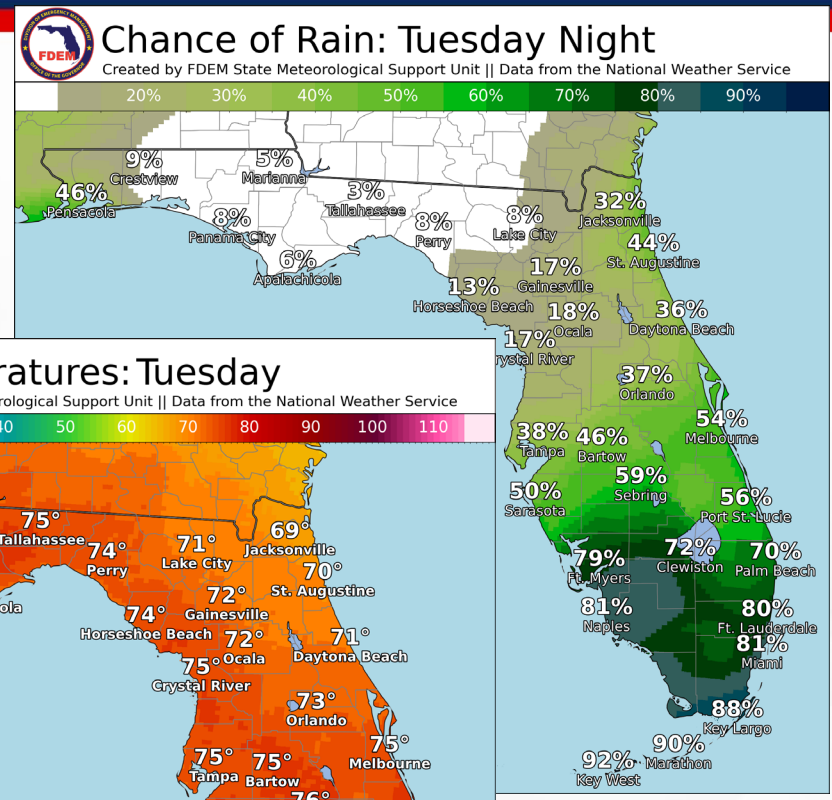
Meteorology Summary

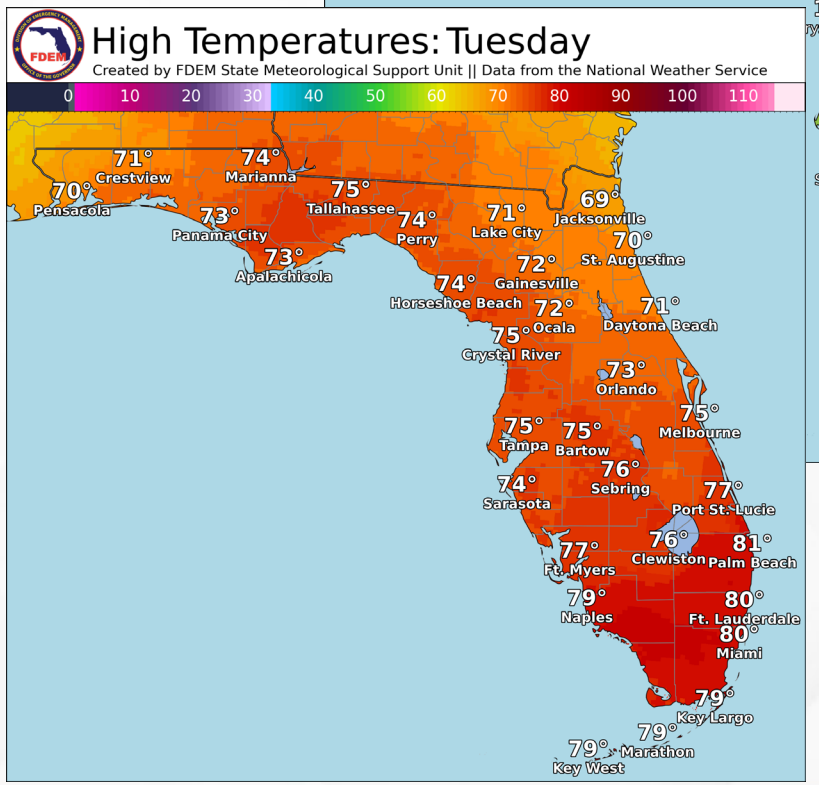
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Dry weather prevails for nearly the entire state during the daylight hours today before rain chances increase considerably tonight. High temperatures today will be in the lower to middle 70s for most locations, with upper 70s to lower 80s more likely in South Florida. Low-pressure approaches overnight, leading to increasing rain chances. The greatest overnight rainfall chances will generally be for areas south of Lake Okeechobee (80-90% chance), though a 30-50% chance of rain remains in place across the rest of the Peninsula. Rain will continue into tomorrow afternoon before beginning to taper off. **Flood Watches** go into effect across SE and East-Central Florida late tonight in the expectation of locally heavy rainfall over highly saturated soils. Daytime highs today will generally range from the lower to middle 70s across much of the state. Some local 80s are possible across Southeast Florida.

Low temperatures will fall into the middle to upper 50s across North Florida and range from the lower to upper 60s across the Peninsula. Rain associated with tomorrow's approaching system will begin as early as midnight tonight across South Florida.

Flood Warnings remain in effect along the St. Johns River for **major to record river flooding** until further notice. **Minor to moderate coastal flooding** is possible today across much of the east coast and St. Johns River.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **High Risk for Rip Currents** is expected across Northeast Florida beaches as strong onshore flow develops. There is a **Moderate Risk for Rip Currents** today across all East Coast Beaches north of Palm Beach County and for Central and Eastern Panhandle Beaches today. A low risk for rip currents is outlooked across West Coast and Western Panhandle Beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Gale Warnings and Small Craft Advisories** are in effect for most East Coast and Panhandle Beaches as winds and waves increase ahead of tomorrow's low-pressure system. Easterly to northeasterly marine winds increase to 20-25kts throughout the day today.

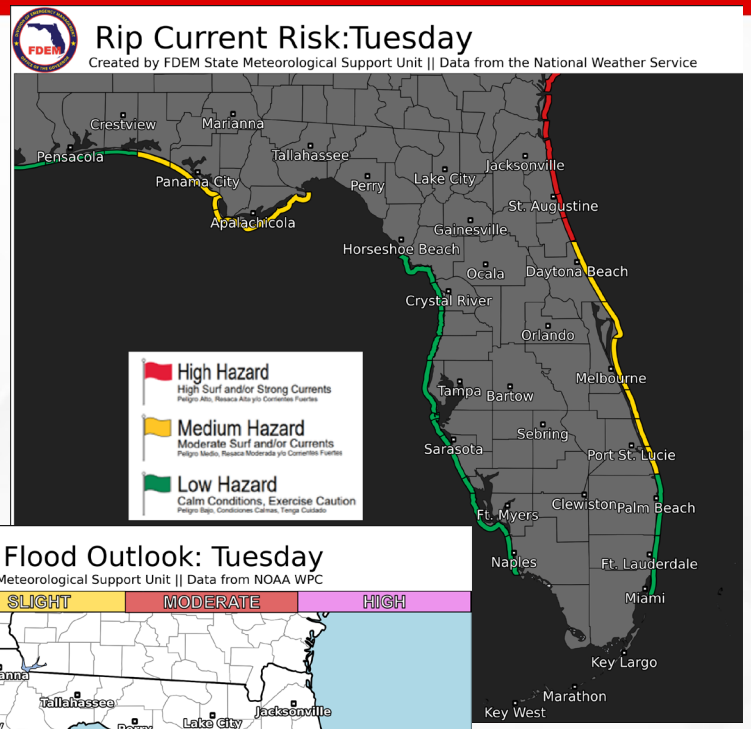
Red Tide: Red tide was observed at background concentrations in Walton and Bay Counties and at very low concentrations in Charlotte County and Gulf County (valid 11/20).

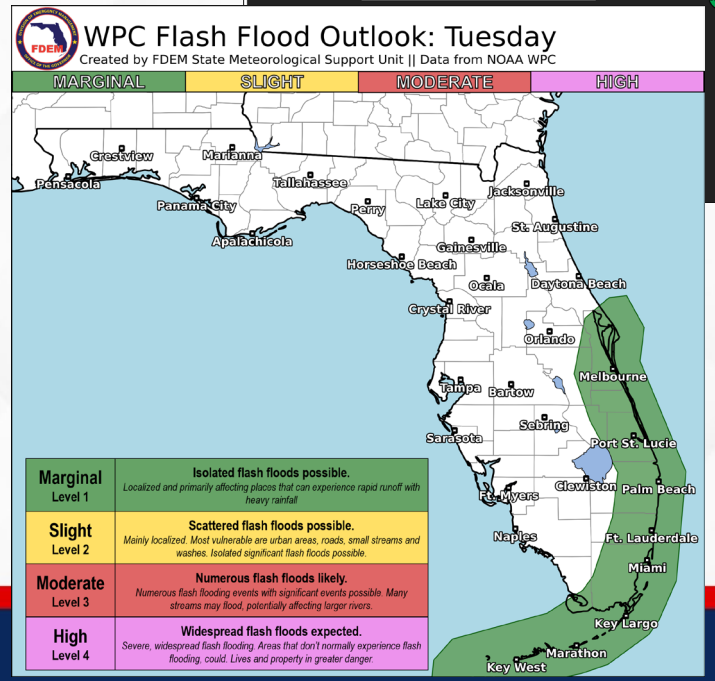
Coastal Flooding: **Minor to moderate coastal flooding** is possible today across much of the east coast and the Tidal St. Johns River as onshore flow increases ahead of an approaching low-pressure system. A **Coastal Flood Warning** is outlooked across portions of the Tidal St. Johns and Northeast Florida, with **Coastal Flood Advisories** **and Statements** in effect down the East Coast and FL Keys.

Flash Flooding: Heavy rainfall and flash flooding risks increase tonight as a low-pressure system develops off the SW Coast. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across the East Coast from Brevard County Southward in accordance. Highly saturated soils make for very sensitive flash flooding conditions across these areas. The bulk of this event's rainfall will fall late tonight and into tomorrow afternoon. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

Riverine Flooding: The St Johns River near Cocoa is in **Record** **Major Flood Stage** and is expected to stay in **Major Flood Stage** for the near future. The St Johns River above Lake Harney is in **Major Flood Stage** is in **Record** **Major Flood Stage** and is cresting. The St. Johns River near Sanford, St. Johns River near Deland and the St Johns River at Astor have reached **Major Flood Stage** and is expected to crest later this weekend. Any additional rainfall we see on Wednesday over or near the river could prolong these crest dates. For information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 14.99 feet, which is 0.10 feet above normal for this time of year and within the normal operating band.

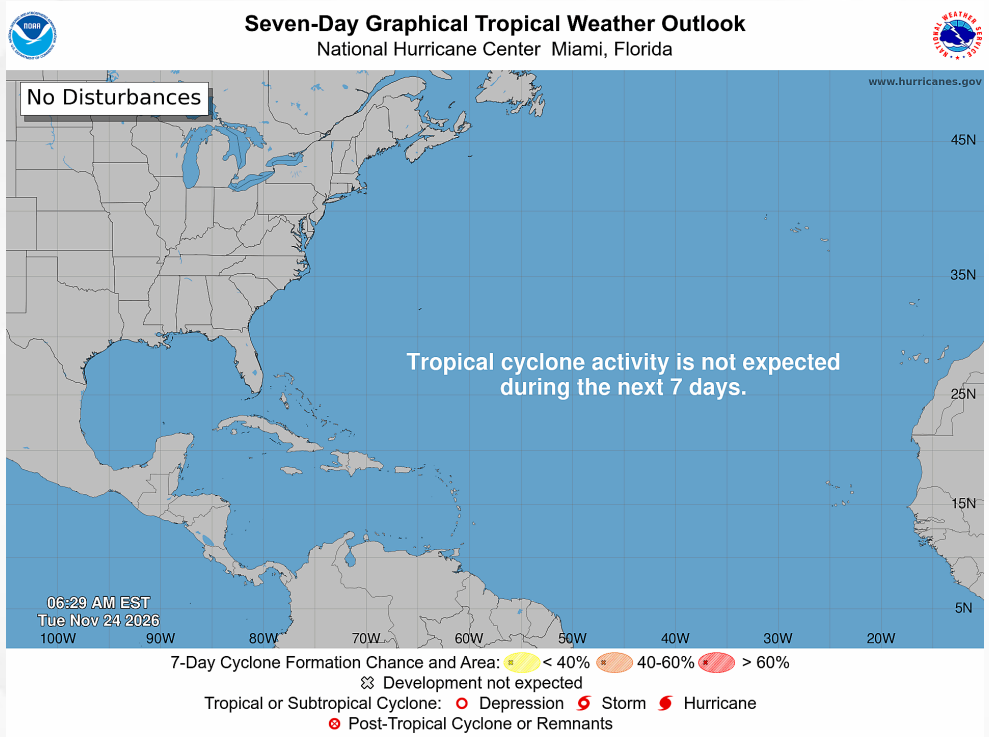


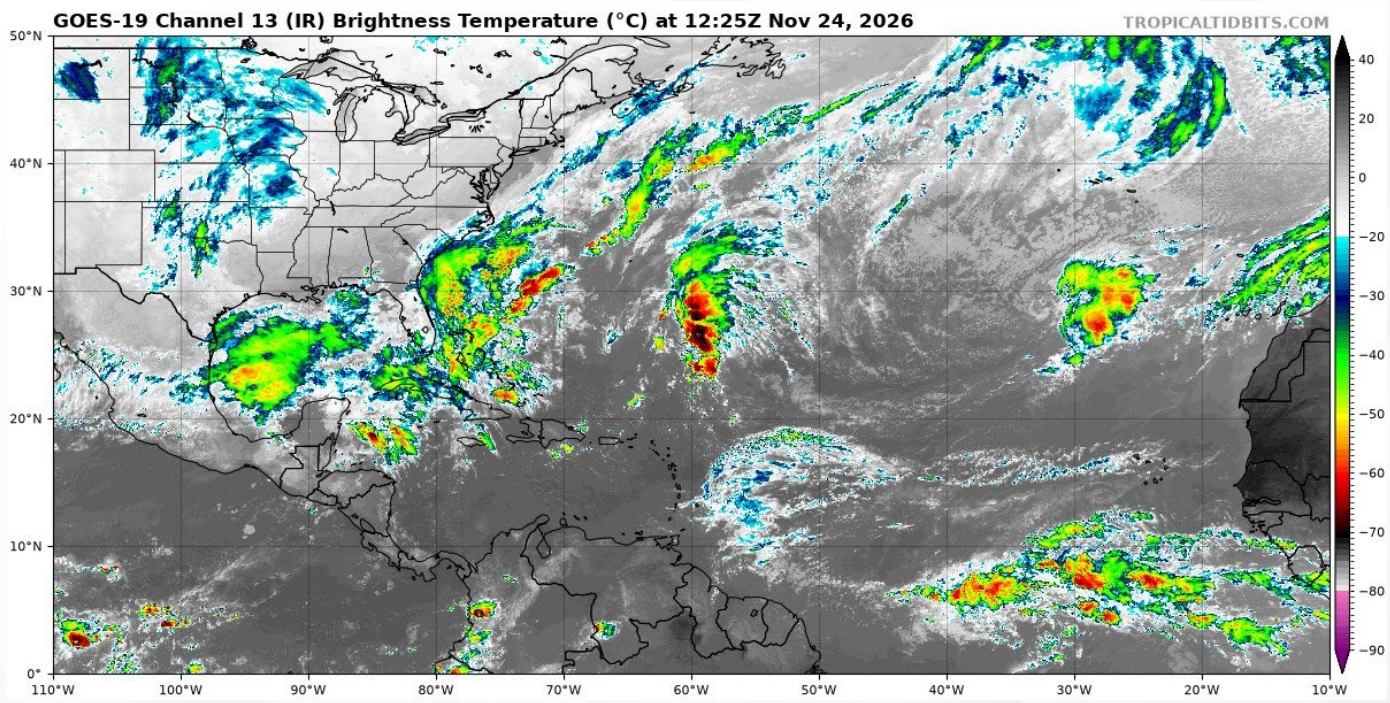


Tropical Weather

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.



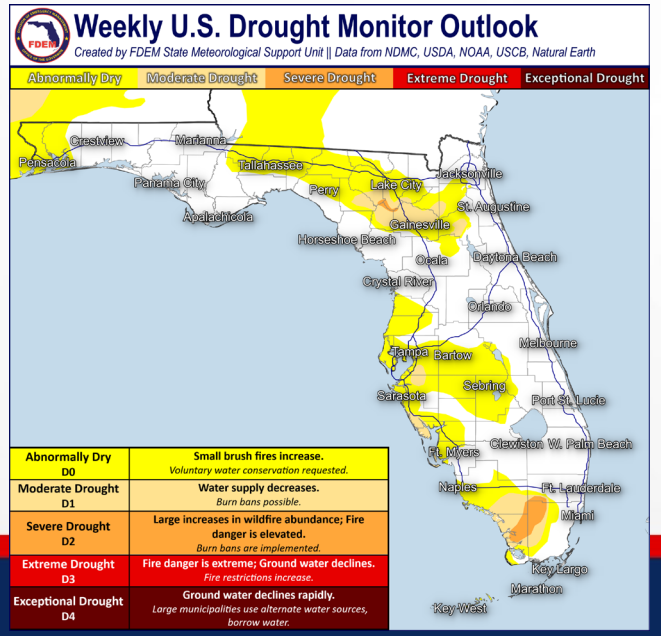


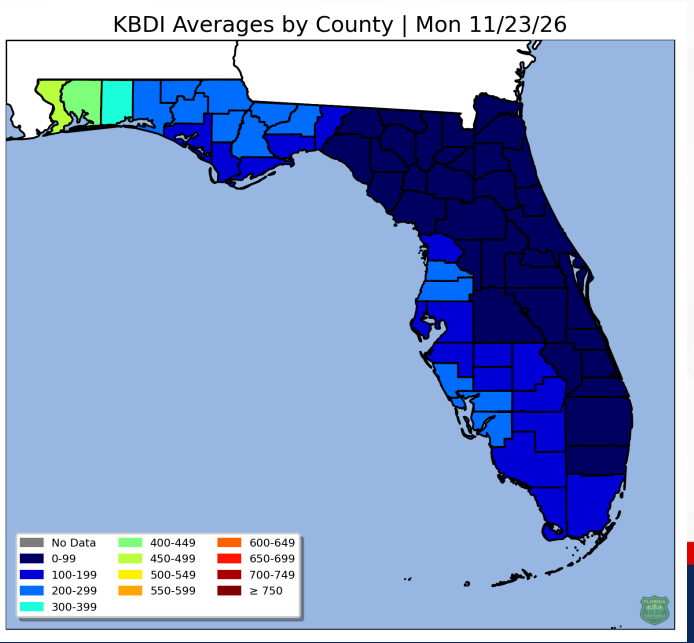
Drought & Fire Weather

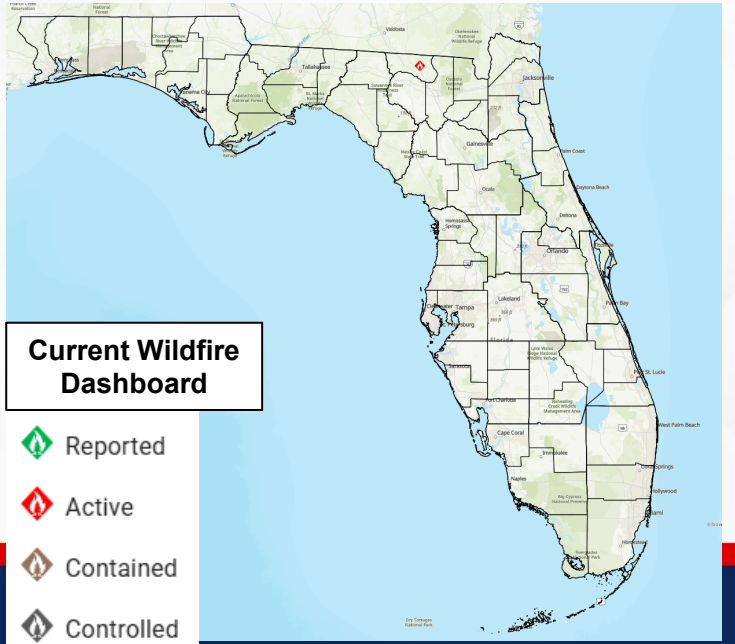
Fire Weather: No fire weather concerns are forecast today. Soils remain exceptionally saturated across much of the state. According to the Florida Forest Service, there is 1 active wildfire burning approximately 2060 acres.

Drought (11/17/26): 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.

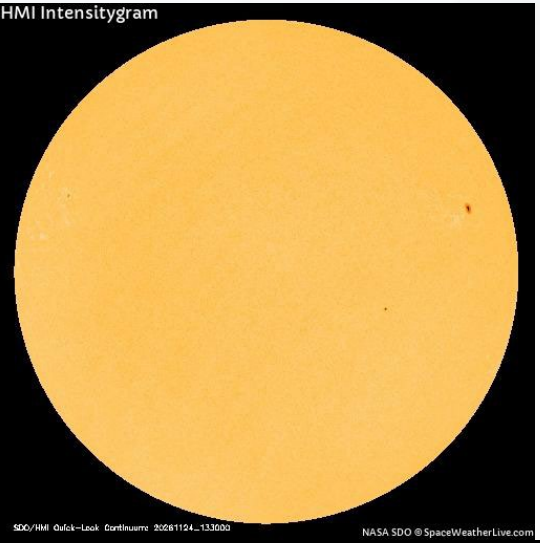
The Keetch-Byram Drought Index average for Florida on Tuesday was **118** **(+7)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry).There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).



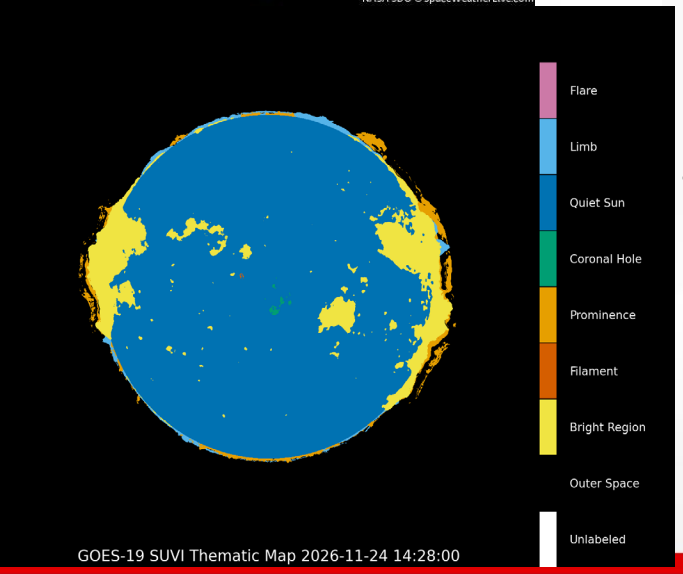


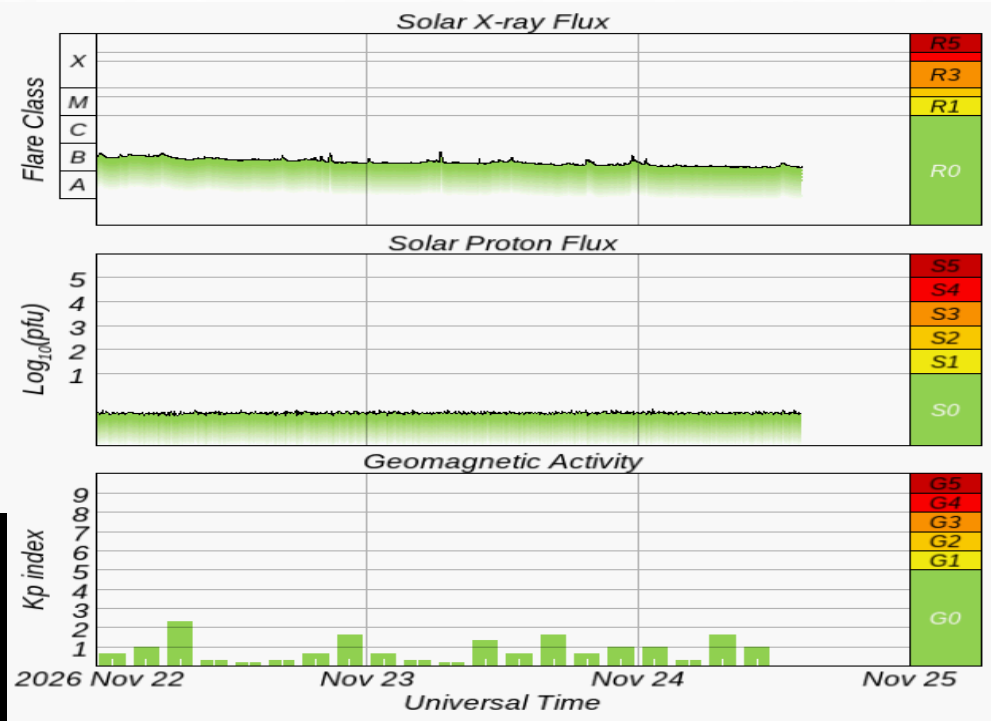


Space Weather



Current Sunspots





Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 1%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	B3 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	None

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

11/24	11/25
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels with a slight chance for C-class flares through 26 Nov. Ambient solar wind conditions prevail through 25 Nov. Mostly quiet geomagnetic conditions are also expected, with isolated active levels possibly returning by 26 Nov. The overall space weather threat to Florida is very low.

SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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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	
Website:	https://floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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