Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, November 25, 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	In Region	On-Call Status (Governor Issued Holiday)
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status (Governor Issued Holiday)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status (Governor Issued Holiday)
Region 7: Brian Carey	In Region	On-Call Status (Governor Issued Holiday)
Region 8: Keila Puello	In Region	On-Call Status (Governor Issued Holiday)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status (Governor Issued Holiday)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	Flood Response / On-Call Status (Governor Issued Holiday)

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 1
Region 3 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 4
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable

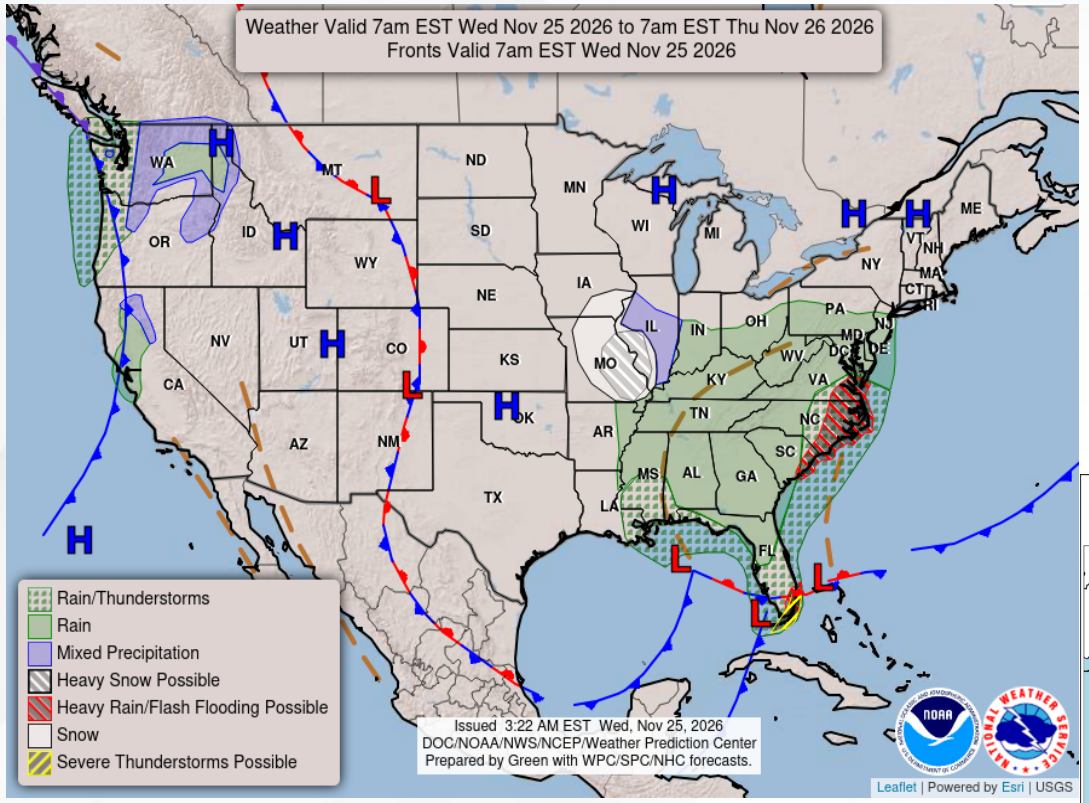
Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	**In Region**	**Off / Monitoring**
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	**In Region**	**Off / Monitoring**
Region 3: Kevin Blom	**In Region**	**Off / Monitoring**
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	**In Region**	**Off / Monitoring**
Region 5: Vacant	**N/A**	**Leave (See Coverage)**
Region 6: Rick Rogers	**In Region**	**Off / Monitoring**
Region 7: Allen Renn	**In Region**	**Off / Monitoring**
Region 8: Vacant	**N/A**	**Leave (See Coverage)**
Region 9: Vacant	**N/A**	**Leave (See Coverage)**
Region 10: Brian Lee	**Out of Region**	**Not Available**

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

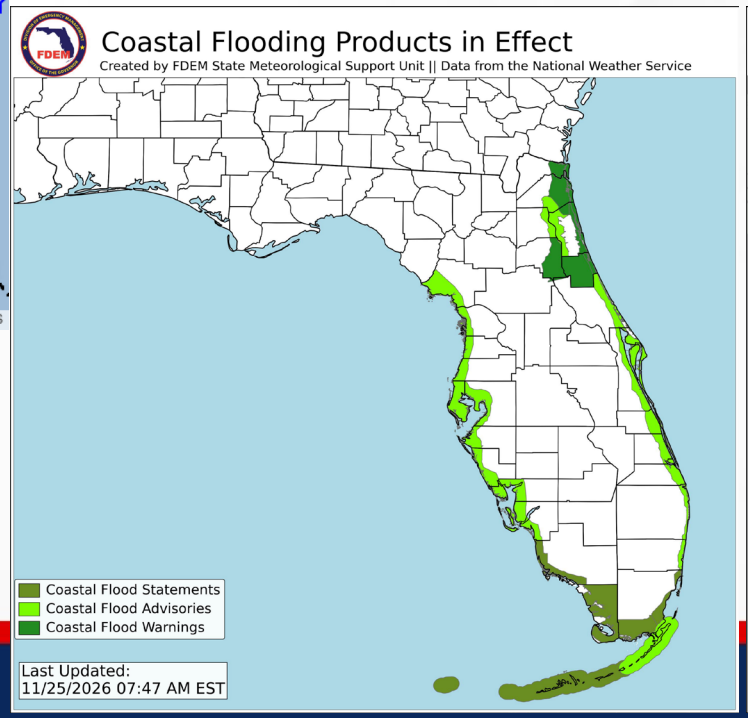
Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

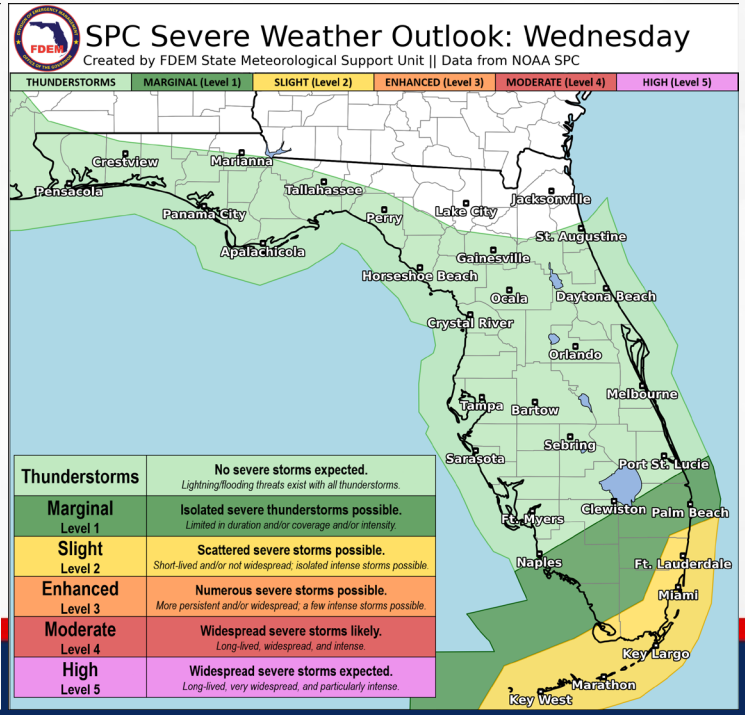
Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L		L			L	L	L
Tornado								L	M	M
Damaging Wind								L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding	L				L			L	L	M
Cold Weather Hazards										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	M	H	L	H	H	L		H	H	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	14.89 ft. (0.11 ft. Above Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	124 (+7) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





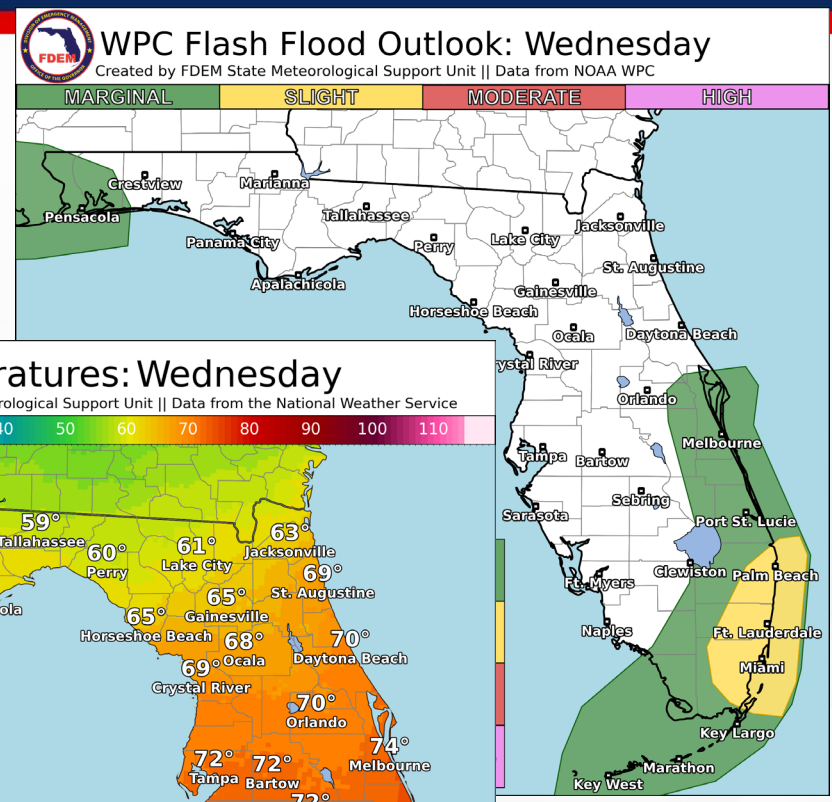
Meteorology Summary

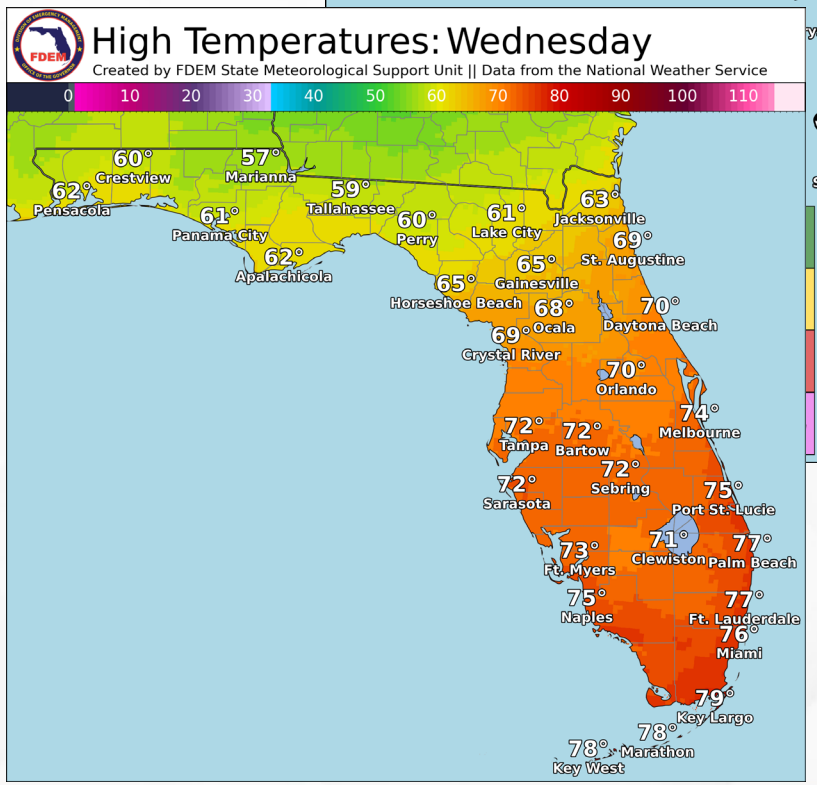
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Wet and unsettled weather will prevail for most of the state today as a low-pressure system rapidly sweeps through the region. Morning radar imagery is tracking an expansive swath of light to moderate rainfall across nearly the entire Peninsula. This swath will rapidly push off to the NE, with most rainfall in the Peninsula ending between 12-3pm, at the latest. **Flood Watches** remain in effect across SE and East-Central Florida through 1AM EST tonight, though this may be cancelled earlier than this time based on radar trends. A brief window for **isolated damaging wind gusts (>60mph) and tornadoes** is possible this morning across extreme South Florida just before the low-pressure pulls away. A **Marginal to Slight Risk (level 1-2 of 5) for Severe Weather** is outlooked across Southeast Florida. In addition to the activity across the Peninsula, a band of moderate to potentially heavy rainfall is set to sweep through the Panhandle later today and into tonight. Daytime highs today will range from the upper 50s to lower 60s in North Florida, and in the lower 70s across the Peninsula.

Low temperatures will fall into the 40s and 50s in North Florida, with the coldest temperatures in the Western Panhandle. In the Peninsula, middle 50s to upper 60s are expected, with the warmest low temperatures in South FL.

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 the Tidal St. Johns River.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **High Risk for Rip Currents** is expected across all East Coat Beaches and portions of SW FL and the Eastern Panhandle. There is a **Moderate Risk for Rip Currents** today for most Central Panhandle Beaches, and 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** are in effect for nearshore waters off the coast of Nassau, Duval, and St. Johns Counties. **Small Craft Advisories** are in effect for all other nearshore and offshore waters today. Primarily easterly/northeasterly winds will start the day today and flip to westerly/northwesterly later this afternoon as the low-pressure begins to push away. **Squally conditions** and **isolated waterspouts** are possible through this evening while the low-pressure system is near to the state.

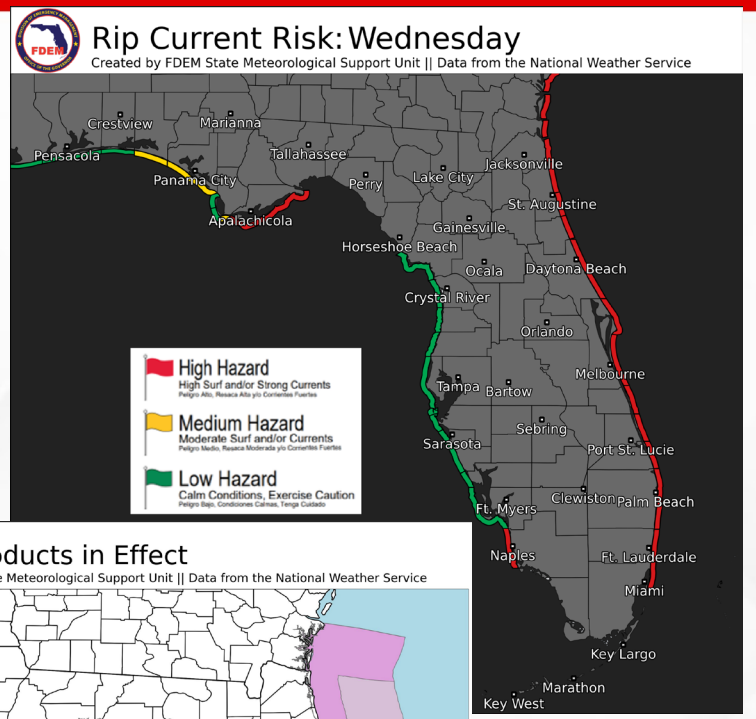
Red Tide: Red tide was observed at background concentrations in Walton and Bay Counties and at very low concentrations in Charlotte County and Gulf County (valid 11/20).

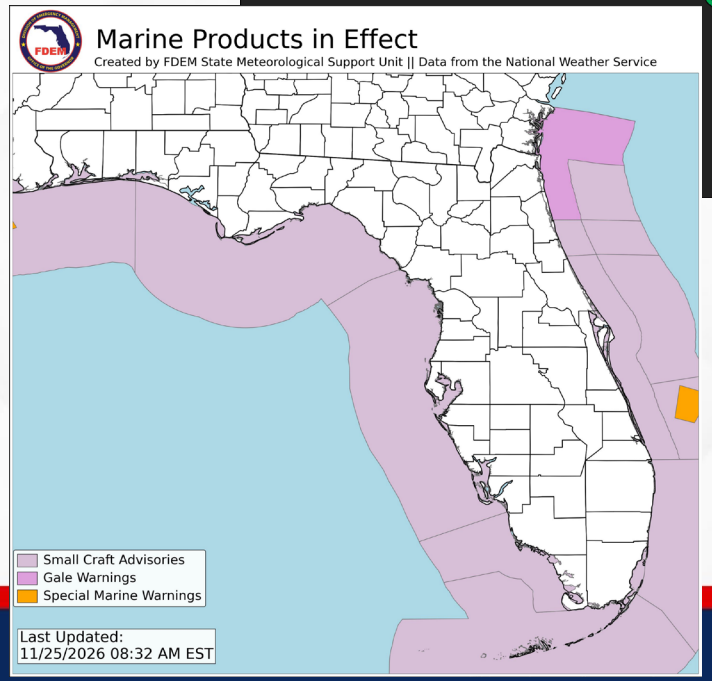
Coastal Flooding: **Minor to moderate coastal flooding** is possible today across much of the east coast and the Tidal St. Johns River as onshore flow remains elevated. A **Coastal Flood Warning** is outlooked across portions of the Tidal St. Johns and Northeast Florida, with **Coastal Flood Advisories and Statements** in effect down the East Coast and FL Keys. Coastal Flooding concerns switch to the West Coast later this evening as winds shift to out of the west. **Coastal Flood Advisories** are in effect for much of the West Coast to highlight the threat of **minor coastal flooding.**

Flash Flooding: A **Marginal to Slight Risk (level 1-2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across portions of coastal Southeast Florida today. In the overnight hours, the heaviest rainfall has generally been confined to areas South of Palm Beach County, where **1-2”** with isolated pockets of **3-4”** has been observed. Further north, generally <1” has been observed. An additional **1-3”** of rain remains possible over the next couple of hours before this swath exits the region. In addition to the Peninsula’s activity, a line of showers and storms is expected to push through the Panhandle later this afternoon and into this evening. Some of this could be heavy. Thus, a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across the Western Panhandle for tonight. Upwards of **1-2”** are possible in these areas. 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. Minor upticks in river stage has already been observed across the St. Johns River from overnight and early morning rains. For information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee’s average elevation is 14.89 feet, which is 0.11 feet above normal for this time of year and within the normal operating band.

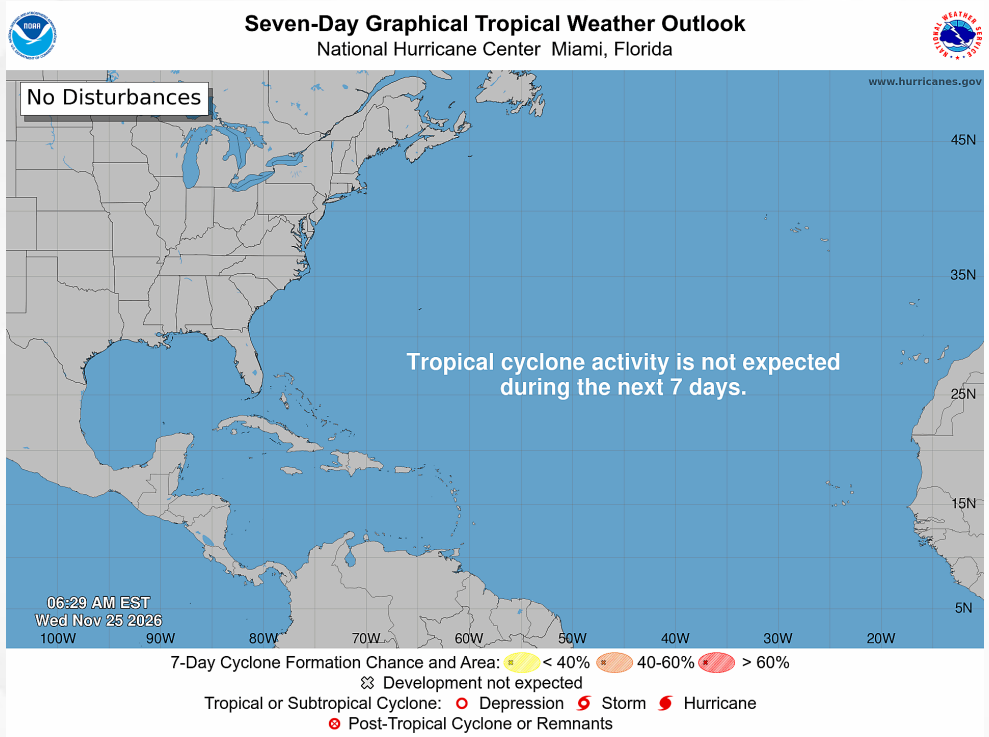


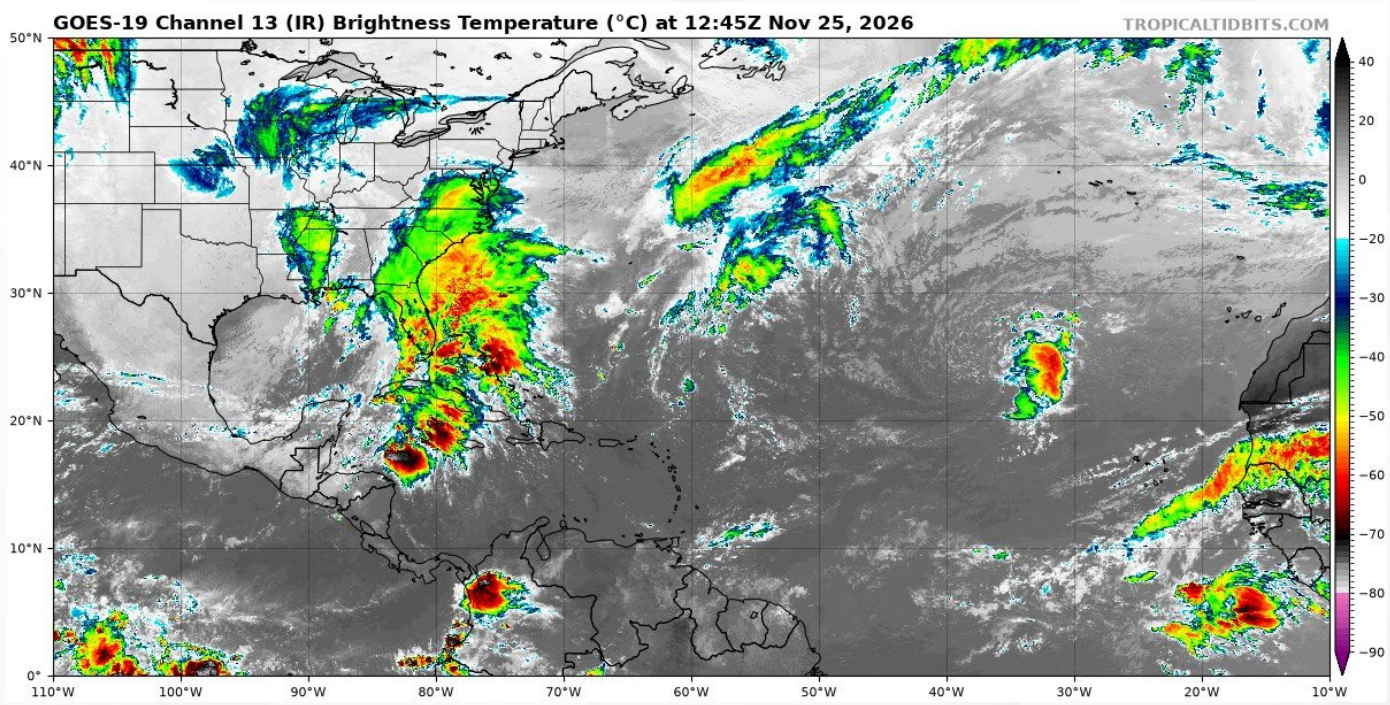


Tropical Weather

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.



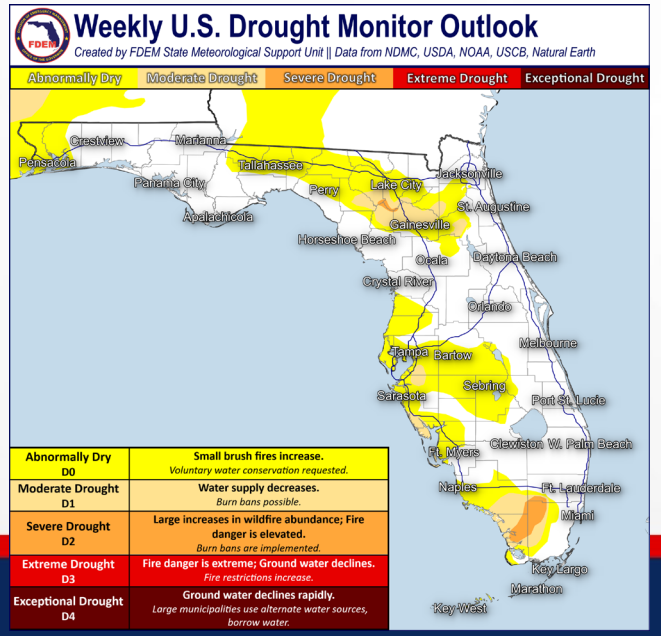


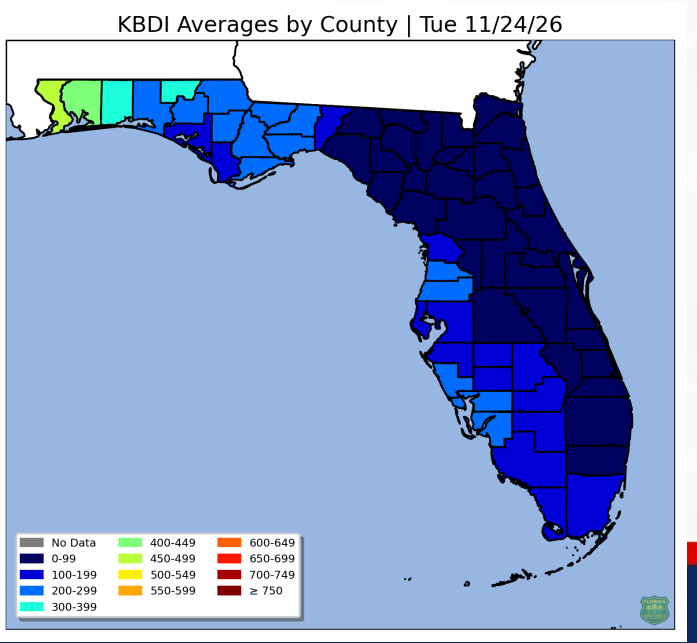
Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: No fire weather concerns are forecast today. Soils remain exceptionally saturated across much of the state, with further saturation expected today. 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 **124** **(+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).







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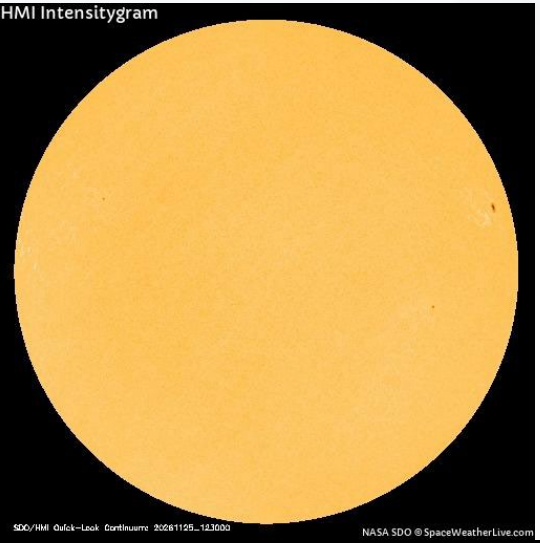

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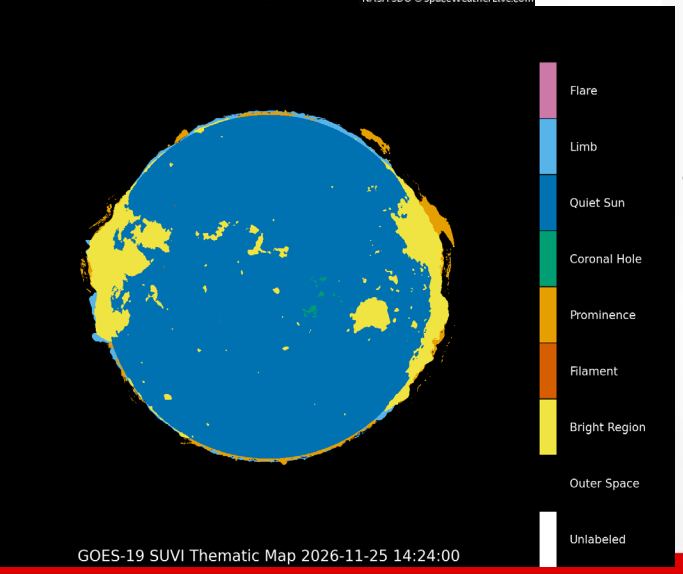

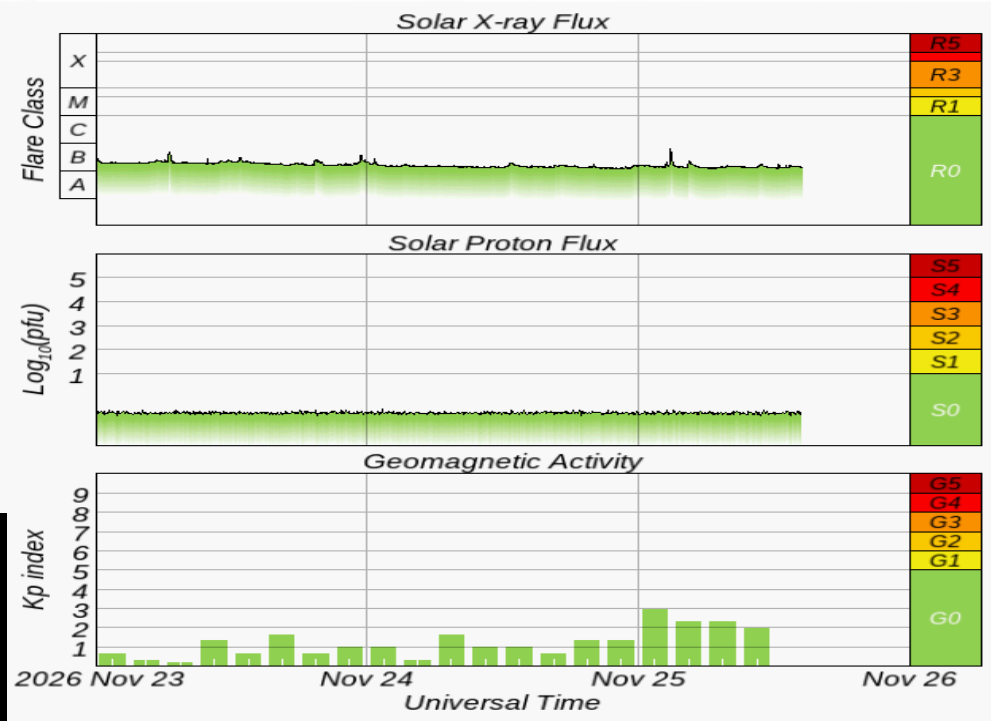

Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 1%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	B6 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	None

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

11/25	11/26
Max Kp= 2 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels with a slight chance for C-class flares through 27 Nov. Slightly disturbed solar wind conditions are expected through 27 Nov. Mostly quiet geomagnetic conditions are expected through 26 Nov, with G1 (Minor) storming possible starting later on 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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