Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, November 26, 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 (Thanksgiving)
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 (Thanksgiving)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status (Thanksgiving)
Region 7: Brian Carey	In Region	On-Call Status (Thanksgiving)
Region 8: Keila Puello	In Region	On-Call Status (Thanksgiving)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	In Region	On-Call Status (Thanksgiving)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	On-Call Status (Thanksgiving)

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

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable

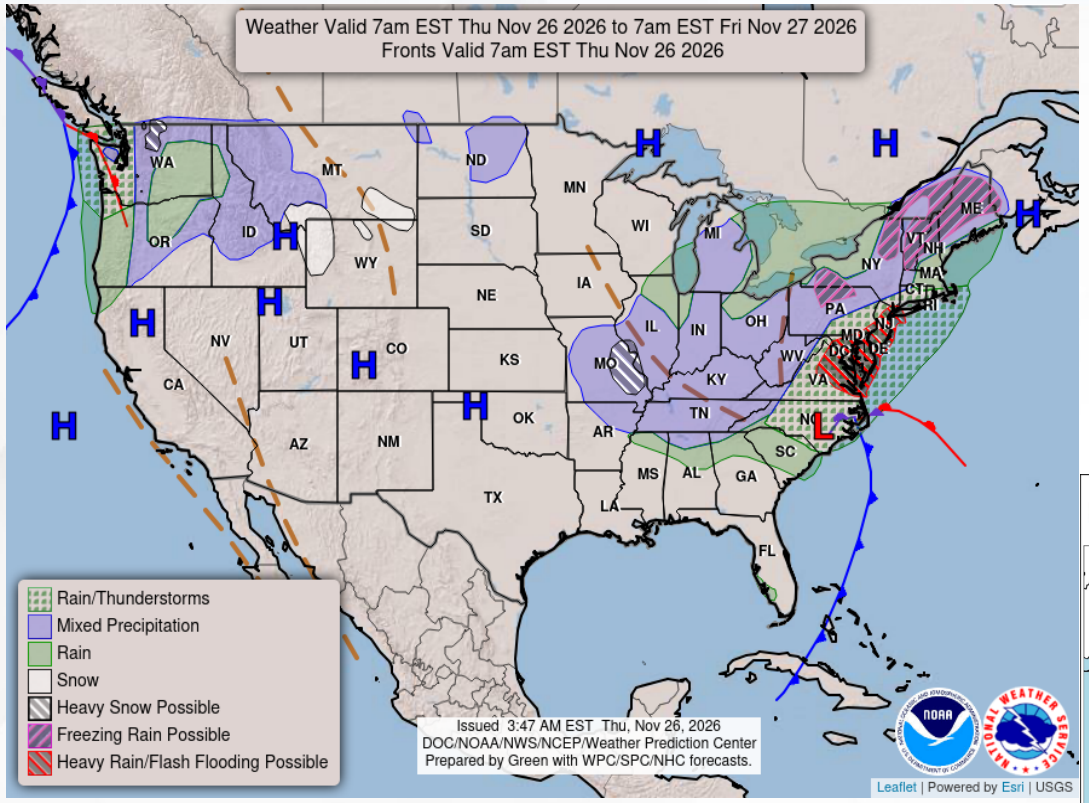
Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	**In Region**	**Off / Monitoring**
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	**In Region**	**On Call - Response R1**
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 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
Region 8/9/10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3

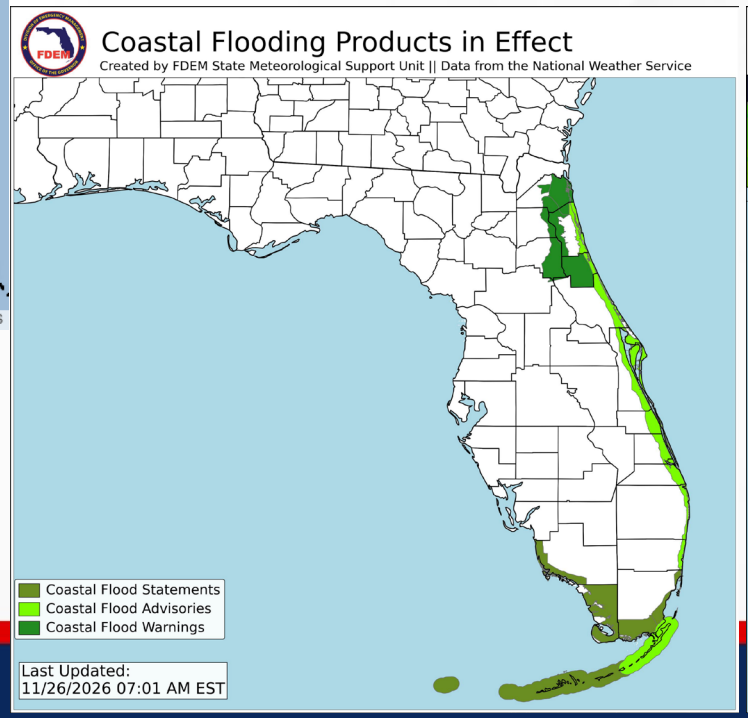
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Deployed / Delayed Response
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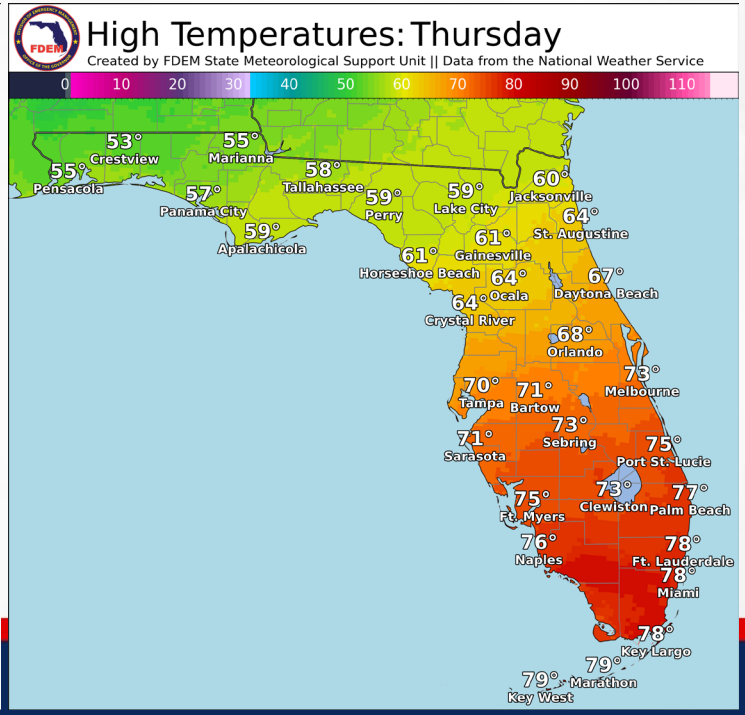
Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Cold Weather Hazards	L	L								
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	M	H	H	H	H	H		H	H	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	15.09 ft. (0.29 ft. Above Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	118 (-6) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





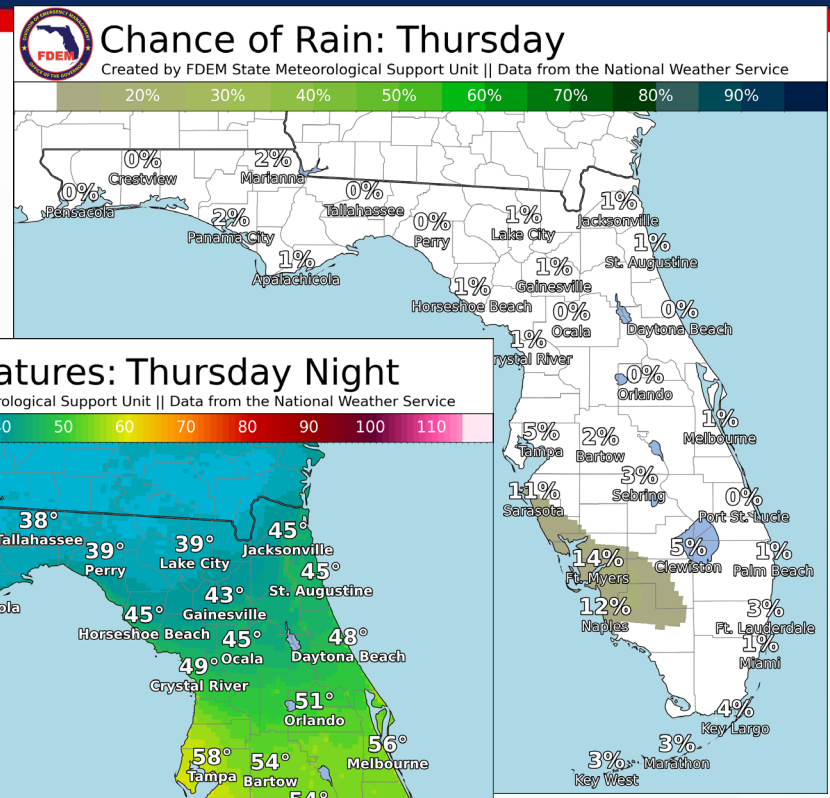
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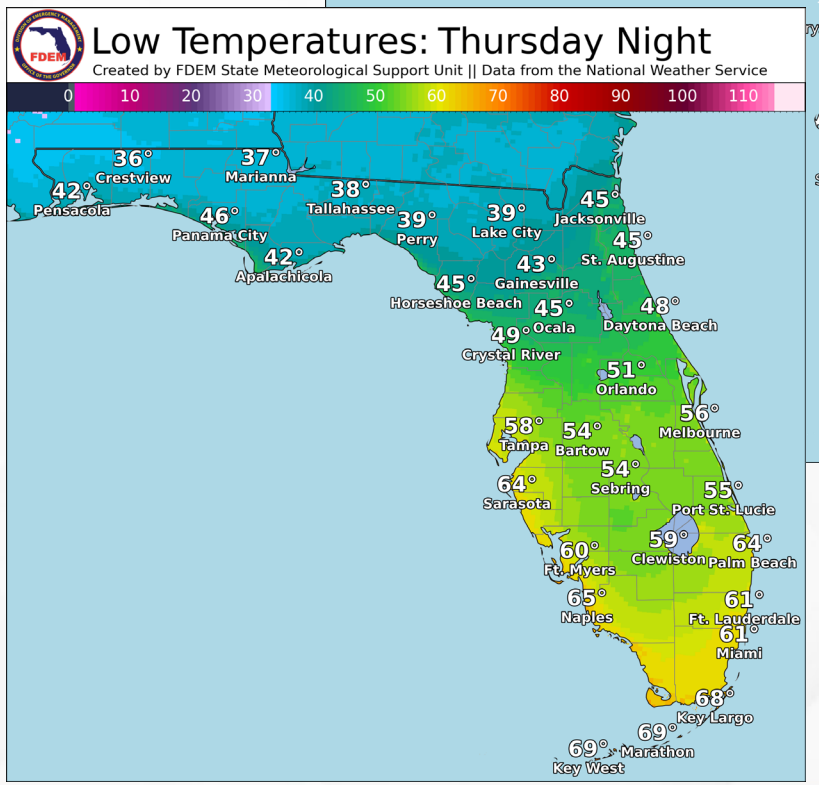
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Quiter and a more comfortable weather pattern is expected today across the state. The low-pressure system and associated cold front has moved offshore and away from the state. Behind the front, colder and dryer air will move across the state today and into tomorrow. This will limit rain chances to 0% statewide today. Also, due to the front passing, breezy conditions can be expected today with **gust of 20-25mph**.

High temperatures will only reach the middle 50s across the Panhandle, increasing to 60s across Central Florida, and 70s across South Florida. Low temperatures will fall into the **30s** and **40s** in North Florida, with the coldest temperatures in the Western Panhandle. **Frost** is possible along the Western Panhandle if winds reduce in the overnight hours. In the Peninsula, **upper 40s** 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 the majority of Florida Beaches today. There is a **Moderate Risk for Rip Currents** today for only the Western Panhandle Beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Small Craft Advisories** are in effect for all other nearshore and offshore waters today. With the passage of the front, primarily westerly/northwest winds are expected today. Marine winds are expected to remain elevated at 15-20 kts with offshore winds of **25-30kts** especially on the Atlantic side.

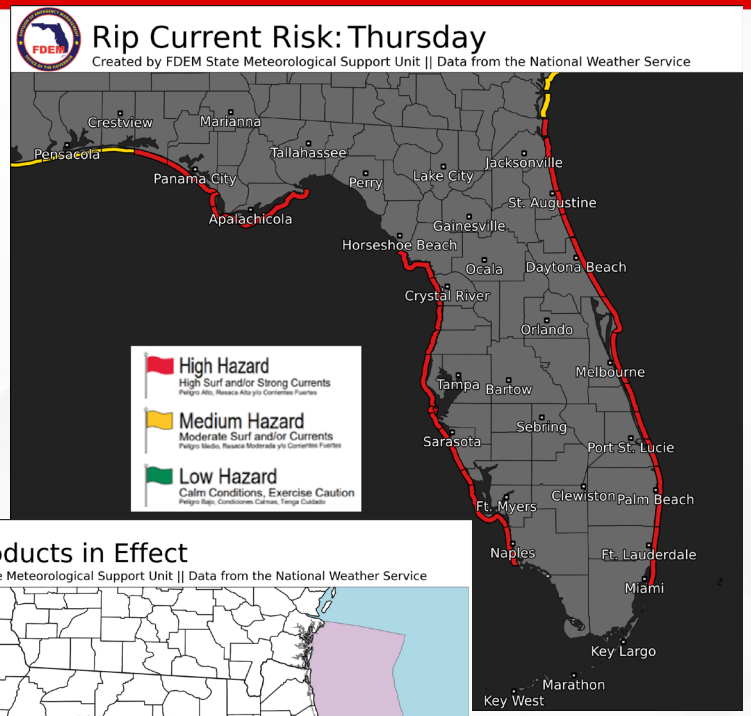
Red Tide: Red tide was observed at background concentrations in Walton and Bay Counties and at very low concentrations in Charlotte County and Gulf County (valid 11/20).

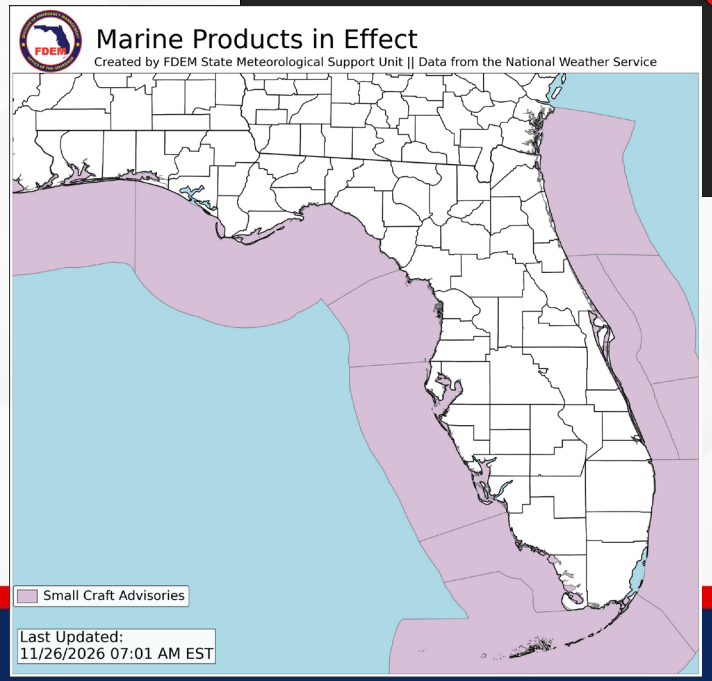
Coastal Flooding: **Minor to moderate coastal flooding** is forecast today across much of the Northeast Florida Coast and the Tidal St. Johns River as king tides persist with high water levels already in the basin. A **Coastal Flood Warning** is issued across portions of the Tidal St. Johns and Coastal Duval County, with **Coastal Flood Advisories** issued for coastal areas from St. Johns to Broward County, as well as the upper FL Keys. **Coastal Flood Statements** are in effect for the middle and upper FL Keys, as well as Mainland Monroe County and coastal Miami - Dade.

Flash Flooding: There is no threat of Flash Flooding today**.** 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 **Record** **Major Flood Stage** and is cresting today. 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. Sanford is forecast to crest just below record flood stage and Deland is forecast to surpass the record this weekend. Minor upticks in river stage has already been observed across the St. Johns River from rain yesterday. For information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 15.09 feet, which is 0.29 feet above normal for this time of year and within the normal operating band.

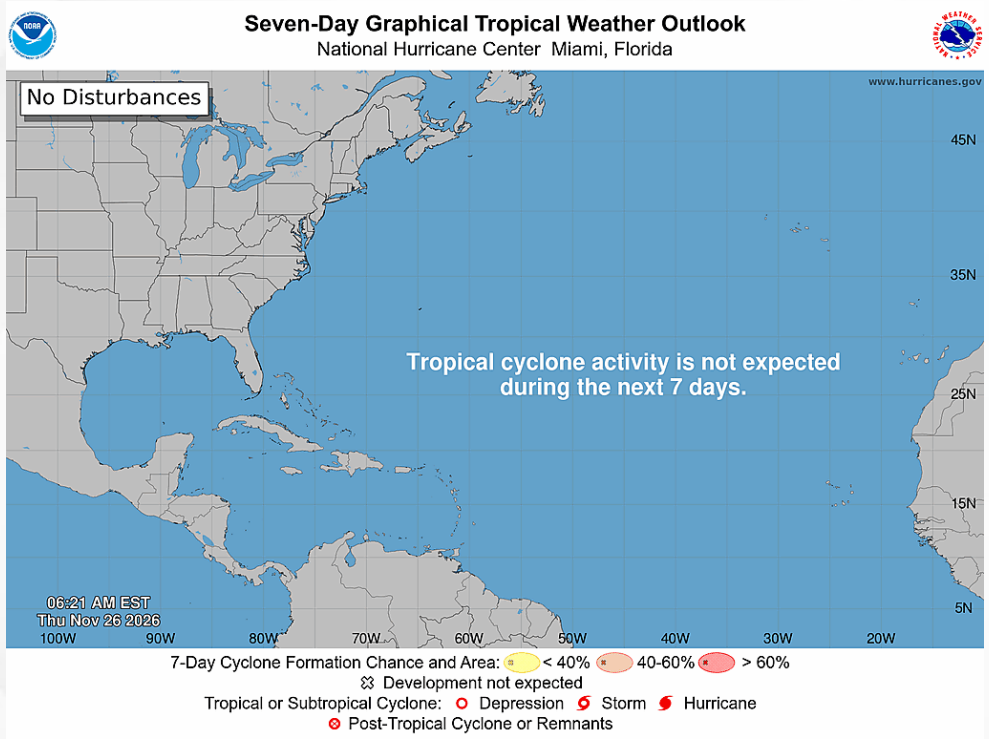


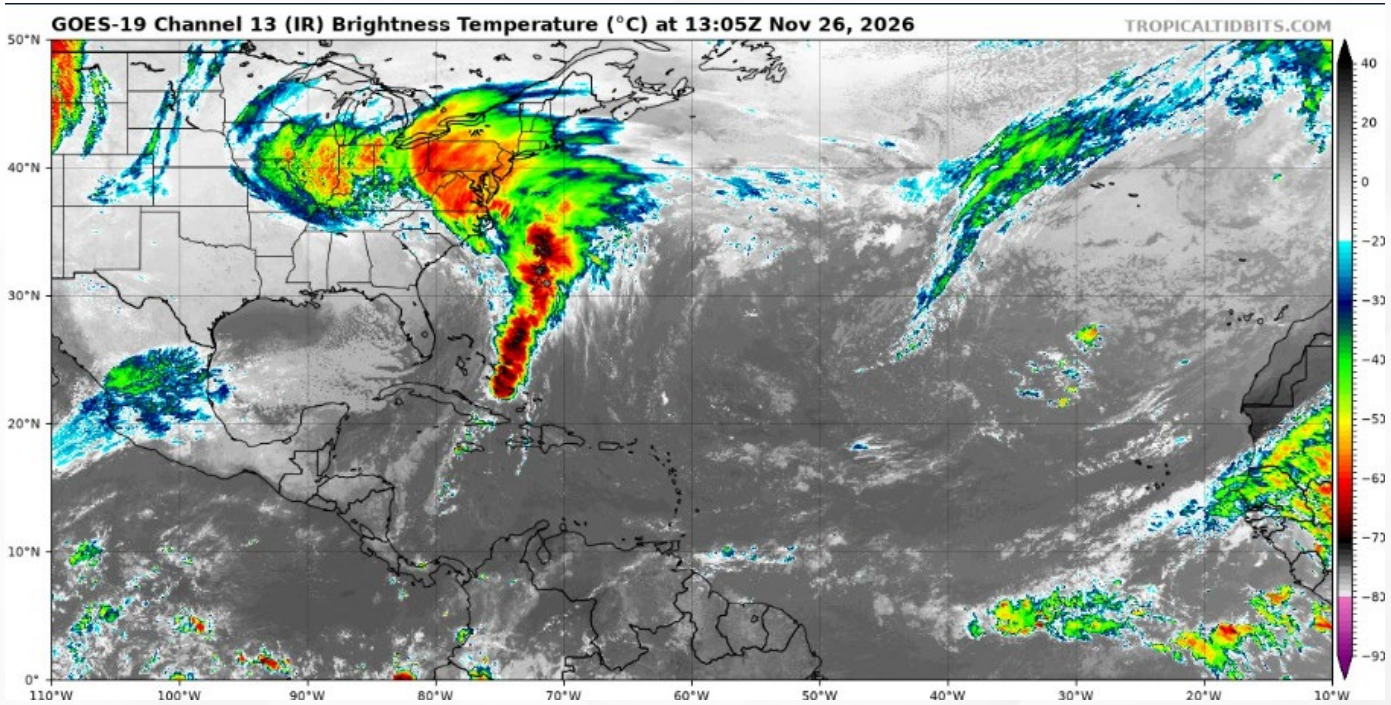


Tropical Weather

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.



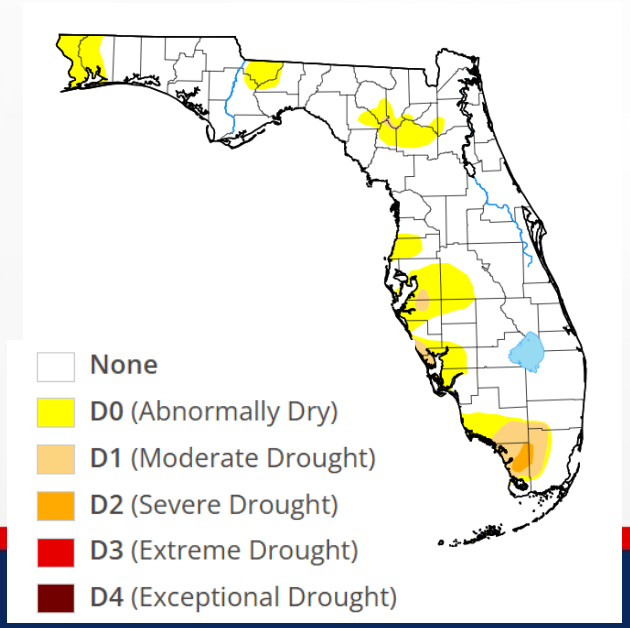


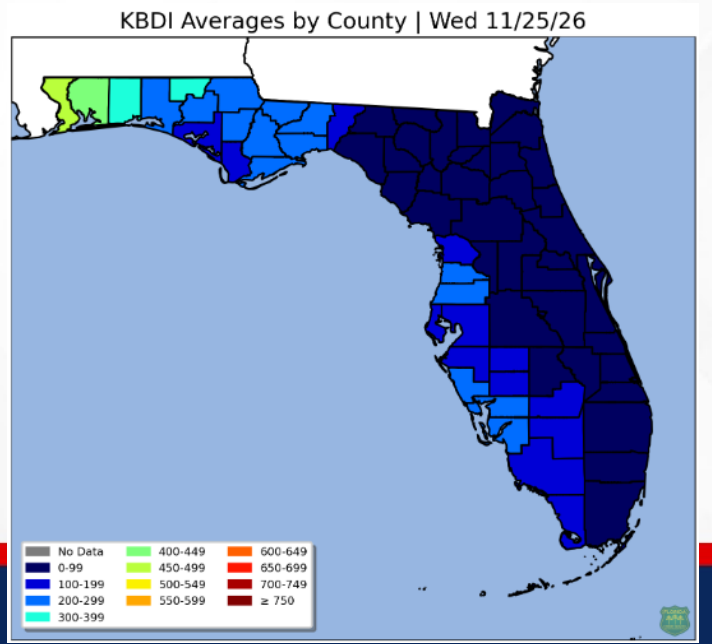
Drought & Fire Weather

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 (11/25/26): Category improvements were made in North Florida this week due to rainfall and higher river levels along the Santa Fe River Basin and Suwannee River basin, with more improvements on the way. 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) was removed in North Central Florida. This area had a 1 category improvement to moderate drought (level 1 of 4). 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 in Monroe County. Along the Florida West Coast, small 1 category drought improvements through the Tampa metro area, resulted in a smaller area of moderate drought (level 1 of 4) along Pinellas County. Slight drought remains across Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, but these areas received rainfall in the past couple of days. Much of the state is not in a drought designation this week. Only about 0.57% of the state remains in severe drought (level 2 of 4). About 81% of the state has no drought designation.

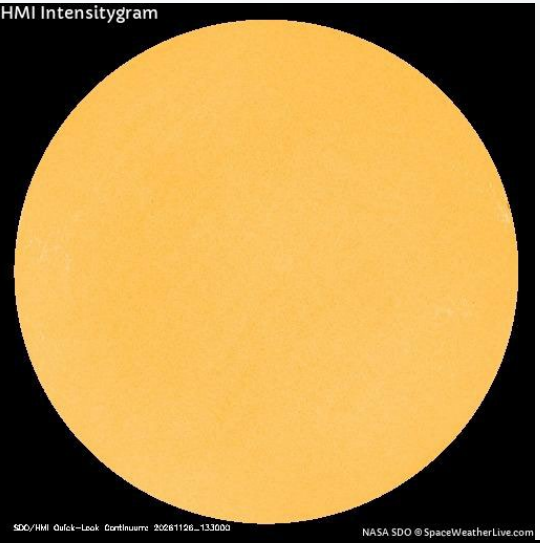
The Keetch-Byram Drought Index average for Florida on Wednesday was **118** **(-6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry).There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).



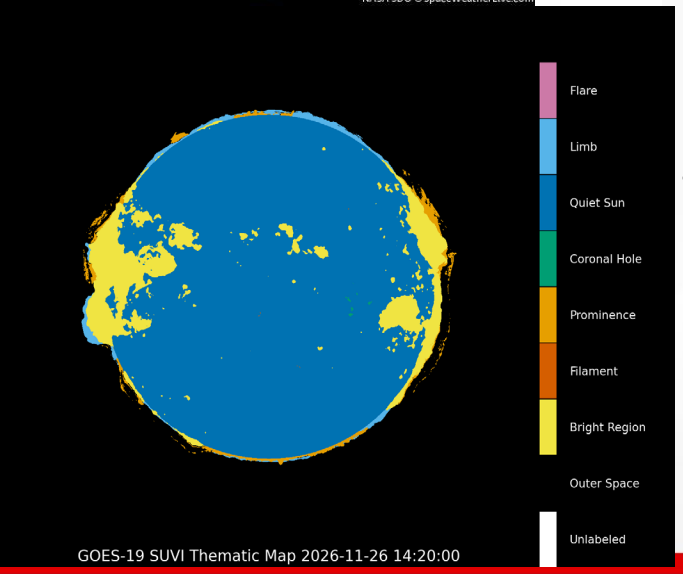


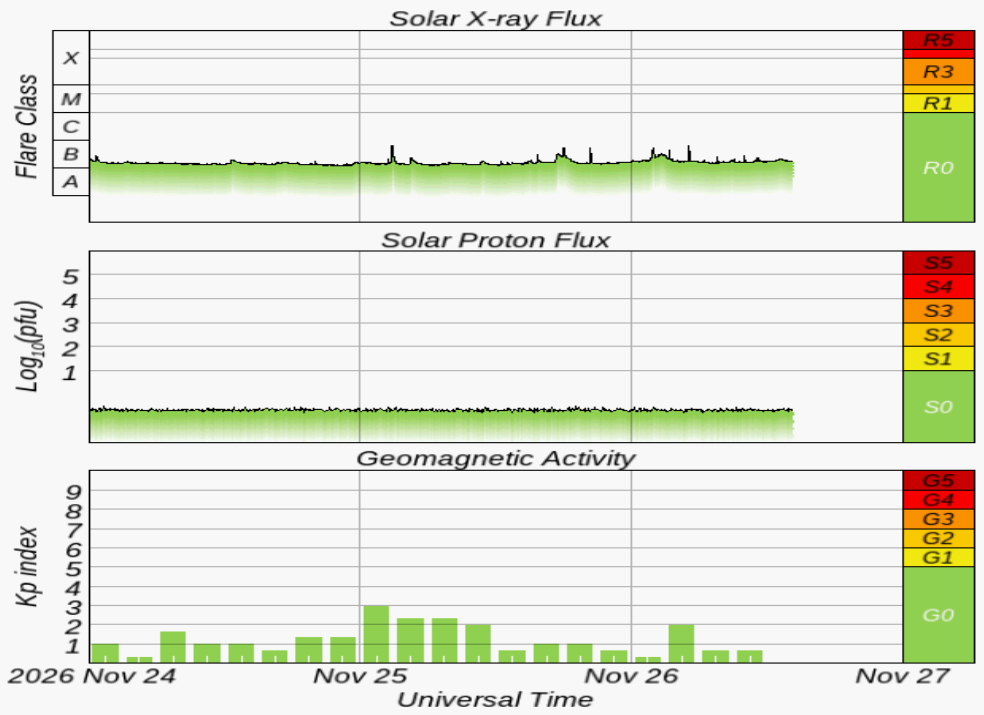


Space Weather



Current Sunspots





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

11/26	11/27
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 30% severe activity = 10%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels with a slight chance for C-class flares through 27-28 Nov. Slightly disturbed solar wind conditions are expected through 28 Nov. Quiet to active geomagnetic conditions are expected through 27 Nov, with G1 (Minor) storming possible starting late on 26 Nov. The overall space weather threat to Florida is very low.

SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
Phone:	850-815-4001; 800-320-0519; 850-591-0071	Operational	
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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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