

DAILY PREPAREDNESS BRIEF

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A plain-language readiness brief for families



⚠️ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 - INCIDENT PROBABLE - Brown Sky ⚠️

Wednesday, 27 May 2026 | Op Epic Fury Day 89 | Hormuz Blockade Day 45 | LBN CF Day 42 | Trend: STABLE

COMMUNICATIONS CONDITION: COMCON 4 - INCIDENT POSSIBLE

WEATHER: WX-CON 2 - SLGT - Storms in the Mid-Atlantic

SPACE WEATHER: SWX-CON 1 - Minor - Active solar radiation storm

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WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

Five small actions you can take in under an hour each

- 1. Test your home weather alerting today.** If you live in the Mid-Atlantic, scattered severe thunderstorms with damaging wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph are possible this afternoon into the evening. Confirm Wireless Emergency Alerts are ON in your phone settings. Download the [FEMA App](#) if you don't have it. If you have a [NOAA Weather Radio](#) receiver, test it now -- and note that transmitters in Maryland, New York, and Connecticut are out of service this week, right where the storms are expected.
- 2. Secure loose items outside and know where you will shelter.** Damaging winds can turn patio furniture, trash cans, and garden items into hazards. Bring them in or tie them down before this afternoon. Identify an interior room on the lowest floor, away from windows, in case a severe storm moves through.
- 3. Fill the gas tank if it is low.** Gas prices are easing slightly, around 4.46 dollars per gallon nationally, but the US-Iran situation is still unresolved. A US-Iran agreement is reportedly close, which would help prices; a breakdown would push them up. Topping off this week is a low-cost hedge either way.
- 4. Refresh your phone's offline maps.** If a storm cuts cell service, you want maps cached. [Google Maps](#) lets you download a region for offline use; do this from a wifi connection.
- 5. Check your software updates this week.** If your business or home office uses a website hosted on a cPanel server, ask your IT vendor or host to confirm the LiteSpeed plugin is on the latest security patch -- there is a federal patch deadline of 29 May for a serious flaw. Keep your home devices (phones, laptops, router) on automatic updates.

THIS WEEK'S ONE THING

IF YOU ONLY DO ONE THING THIS WEEK:

Verify your phone Wireless Emergency Alerts are turned ON.

Severe thunderstorms with damaging winds are forecast for parts of the Mid-Atlantic this afternoon into the evening. [NOAA Weather Radio](#) is offline or degraded in 19 states, including transmitters in Maryland, New York, and Connecticut right next to the storm zone.

THE SHORT VERSION

What's happening this week, in five sentences:

1. The US and Iran are reportedly close to signing an agreement. The strikes the US carried out on 25 May are now behind us, with no new fighting reported. Negotiators are described as days away from a deal that would include reopening the Strait of Hormuz to shipping. The situation is still unresolved, but the direction this week is toward an agreement.
2. Severe weather today is focused on the Mid-Atlantic: scattered thunderstorms with damaging wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph possible this afternoon into the evening. Hail is possible but wind is the main hazard.
3. Gas prices are easing slightly, around 4.46 dollars per gallon nationally, the third day of small declines. A US-Iran agreement that reopens the Strait of Hormuz would likely ease prices further; a breakdown would push them up.
4. There is one cyber item to act on: a serious flaw in the LiteSpeed cPanel website plugin has a federal patch deadline of 29 May. If your business or home office runs a website on a cPanel host, ask your IT vendor to confirm it is patched.
5. There is an Ebola outbreak in Central Africa (the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda) that the World Health Organization has declared an international emergency. This week, two suspected cases were reported in Italy in travelers returning from Uganda -- the first suspected cases outside Africa, still being tested. There are **no US cases**, and the [CDC](#) assesses the risk to the US public as low. US airport entry screening is running at Washington-Dulles.

TODAY'S IMPACTS AT A GLANCE

What's happening today + what to do, by category.

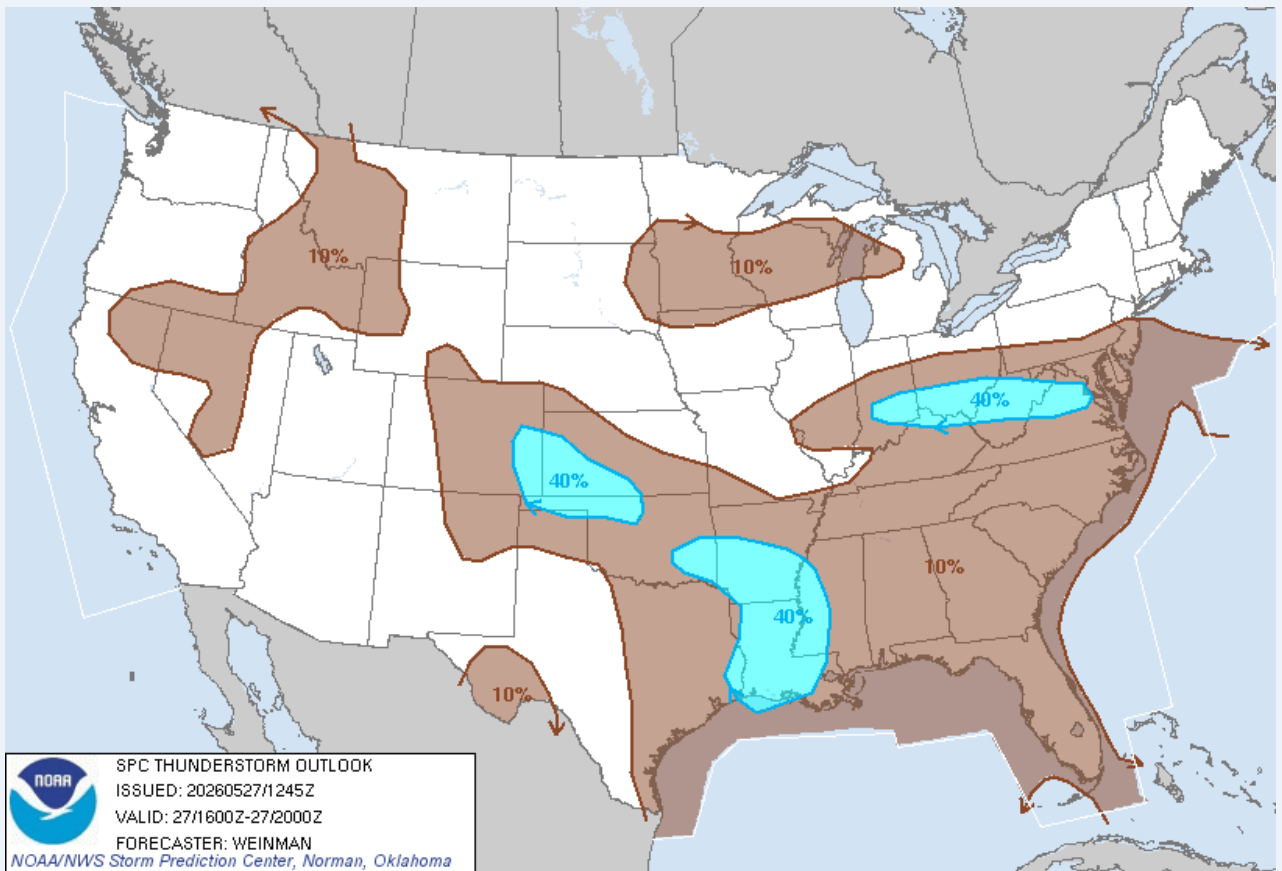
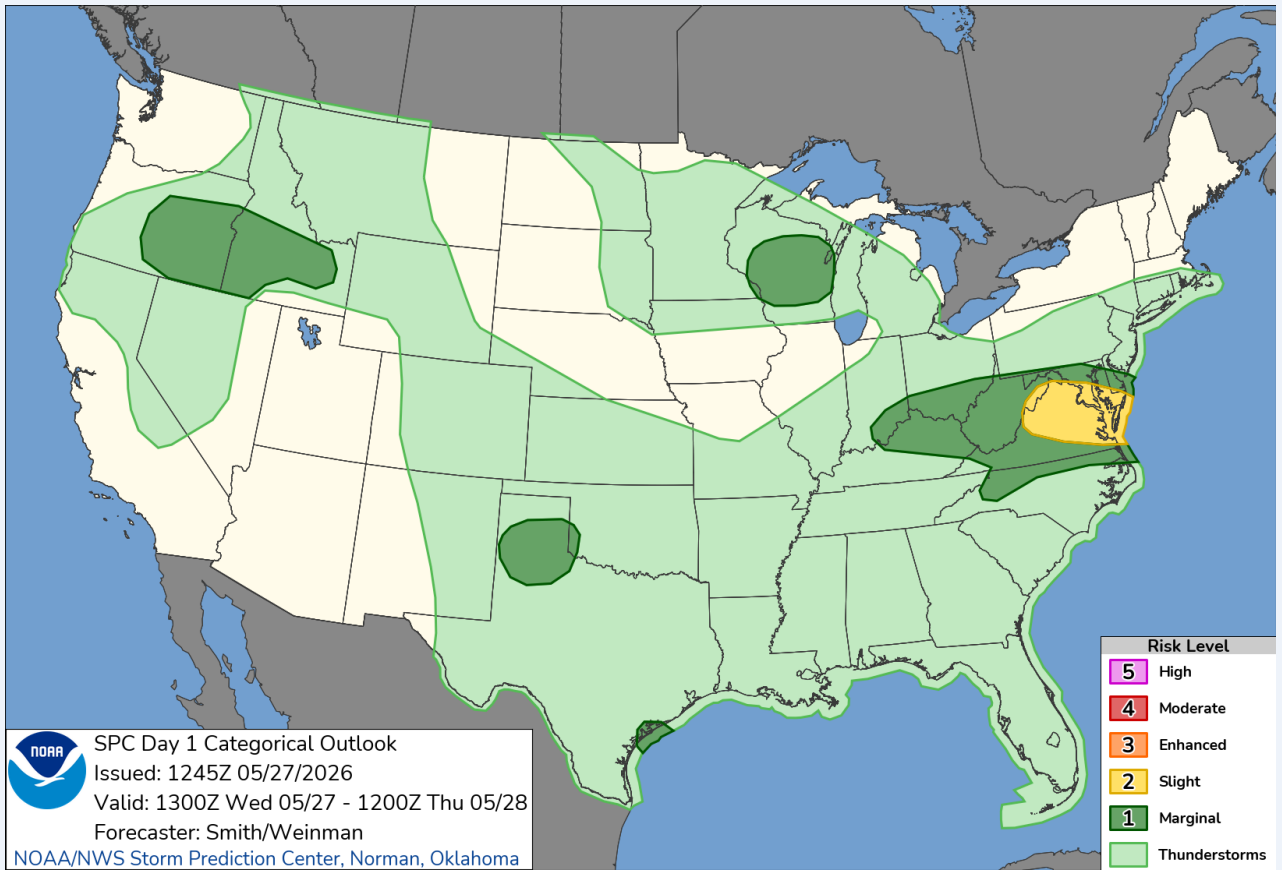
CATEGORY	WHAT'S HAPPENING	YOUR ACTION
Weather	Scattered severe thunderstorms across parts of the Mid-Atlantic this afternoon into the evening. Damaging wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph are the main hazard; some hail is possible.	Confirm shelter plan; phone alerts ON; bring in or tie down loose outdoor items.
Gas / Pump	Around 4.46 dollars per gallon, easing for a third day. A US-Iran agreement is reportedly close, which would help prices; a breakdown would push them up.	Fill tank this week if low.
Food / Groceries	Stable. USDA next crop report June 11. No current-week change.	No urgent action.
Communications	NOAA Weather Radio : 32 transmitters affected across 19 states. The gaps nearest this week's weather are the transmitters in Baltimore MD, Stamford NY, and Cornwall CT, all out of service right where the Mid-Atlantic storms are expected.	Use phone Wireless Emergency Alerts + FEMA App.

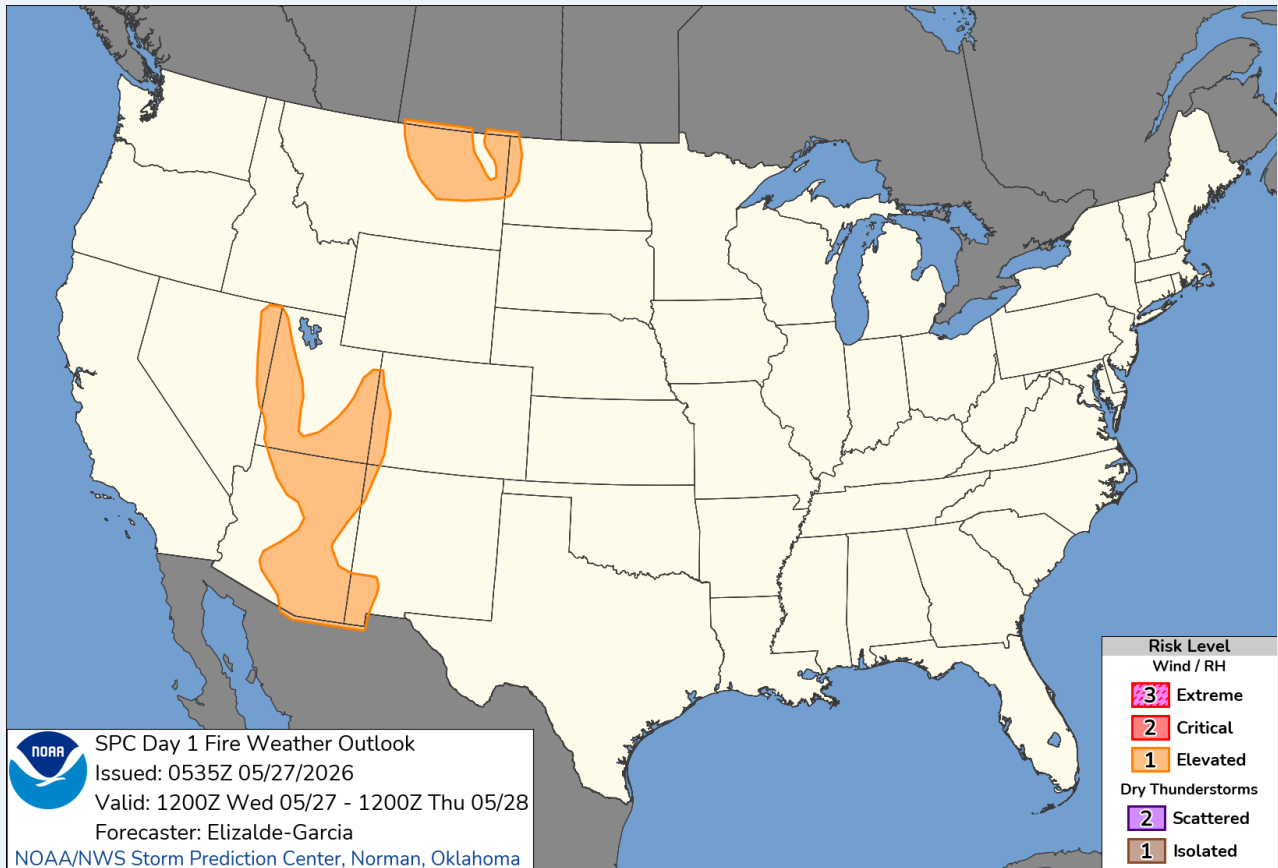
Public Health	Ebola outbreak in DR Congo and Uganda; WHO international emergency. Two suspected cases were reported in Italy this week in travelers from Uganda, still being tested. No US cases ; CDC assesses US public risk as low. Airport entry screening is operational at Washington-Dulles.	No household action. Travelers to the region: check CDC guidance.
GPS / Internet	A new minor solar radiation storm is in progress, with a minor geomagnetic disturbance. Brief radio static is possible on far-north flight routes. No effect on home GPS, phones, or internet.	No action needed.

WEATHER - WHERE IT MATTERS THIS WEEK

REGION	HAZARD	WHAT TO DO
Mid-Atlantic	Slight Risk severe storms today: scattered thunderstorms with damaging wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph this afternoon into the evening. Some hail is possible.	Bring in or tie down loose outdoor items; phone alerts ON; identify your interior shelter room.
Southern Idaho / Eastern Oregon	A few strong storms possible this afternoon, with gusty winds, easing by mid-to-late evening.	Stay weather-aware through the evening; phone alerts ON.
Western Great Lakes / West Texas	Isolated storms possible, mostly below severe limits; an isolated hail or wind report cannot be ruled out.	No special action; keep phone alerts ON.
Wildfire - national	Active wildfire season but no major new fire this week. The national fire preparedness level is 2 of 5, with 19 large fires being worked.	If you are in a fire-prone area, check InciWeb for any local fire and keep a go-bag ready.
Rest of the country	No active severe-weather signals this week.	No action.

Source: [NOAA Storm Prediction Center](#) Day 1 outlook; [NWS](#) regional forecast discussions; [National Interagency Fire Center](#) wildfire situation report.





SPACE WEATHER & GPS - Quick Status

Today (Wed 27 May): The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's [Space Weather Prediction Center](#) reports a new minor solar radiation storm in progress (a Proton Event, rated S1 -- the lowest of five levels), plus a minor geomagnetic disturbance. Scale reference: [NOAA Space Weather Scales](#).

Household impact: None. Home uses of GPS, phones, and internet work normally. A minor solar radiation storm matters mainly to satellite operators and to airlines flying far-north polar routes. The minor geomagnetic disturbance may make the aurora visible at high latitudes such as Canada and Alaska, but has no effect on homes.

Ham radio + emergency communications operators: Shortwave (HF) radio may have brief static or fade on far-north and over-the-pole paths today. Conditions at mid-latitudes are close to normal.

Looking ahead: Nothing to act on today. If you rely on HF radio, keep an eye on the forecast at [spaceweather.gov](#) in case the storm strengthens.

SUPPLY CHAIN - What It Means at the Store

Gas pump: Easing slightly, around 4.46 dollars per gallon nationally, the third day of small declines. The US-Iran situation is the main swing factor: if an agreement is signed and the Strait of Hormuz reopens to shipping, expect a few cents of decline within a week; if the talks break down, expect prices to climb.

Bread + pasta: Stable. The [US Department of Agriculture](#)'s May report shows an ample wheat supply baseline. The next [USDA](#) crop report is June 11.

Shipping containers: Strait of Hormuz traffic remains far below normal; the US naval blockade is in its second month. A reported US-Iran agreement would include reopening the Strait to shipping. Until then, goods routed through the Gulf may continue to see longer transit times and higher insurance costs.

Travel: US-bound flights from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, and South Sudan are routed to Washington-Dulles only because of the Ebola outbreak. If you have travel booked from or through the affected region, check with your airline before departure.

CYBER, COMMS & LOCAL IMPACTS

Government computer systems: The Memorial Day holiday weekend was quiet for new cybersecurity bulletins from the US [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency](#). The current item to act on is a serious flaw in the LiteSpeed cPanel website plugin, which has a federal patch deadline of 29 May.

Household impact: Low. This is a website-software issue, not a consumer-device one. If your business or home office runs a website on a cPanel host, ask your IT vendor to confirm the LiteSpeed plugin is patched before 29 May. Keep your home devices (phones, laptops, router firmware) on automatic updates.

NOAA Weather Radio: 32 transmitters affected across 19 states (18 fully out of service, 14 degraded), per a 27 May operator roster. The most relevant to this week's weather are the transmitters in Baltimore MD, Stamford NY, and Cornwall CT, all out of service right where the Mid-Atlantic storms are expected. A cluster of transmitters near Juneau, Alaska is also degraded, but that is well away from this week's severe weather.

Workaround: In affected areas, rely on phone Wireless Emergency Alerts (built into iPhone and Android), the [FEMA App](#), and local broadcast Emergency Alert System (television and AM/FM radio).

SIGNALS THAT CONDITIONS ARE GETTING WORSE

Watch for these in the news this week. If you see them, raise your readiness one notch.

- The US-Iran negotiations breaking down instead of producing a signed agreement, or Iran carrying out a delayed strike in response to the 25 May US action.
- Another strike on a commercial ship in the Persian Gulf or Strait of Hormuz.
- Israel strikes Beirut neighborhoods (the Dahieh district is the bellwether), which would put the Lebanon ceasefire at risk.
- The Storm Prediction Center upgrades the Mid-Atlantic storm risk to a higher category, or a long-track damaging-wind event develops.
- A first US case of Ebola, the suspected cases in Italy being confirmed, or the [CDC](#) raising its US risk assessment above low.
- A sharp escalation in the war in Ukraine, beyond the long-range strikes that have become routine.

SETTING YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD POSTURE

This brief gives you four Fortune Favors the Prepared conditions - [PREP-CON](#), [COMCON](#), [WX-CON](#), and [SWX CON](#). Your family sets the fifth one yourself: your [CONCON \(Continuity Conditions\)](#) - the readiness level your own household is operating at this week. Use the conditions above to decide where to set it.

RESOURCES

Sources for this brief + tools you can use at home

Weather: [NOAA Storm Prediction Center](#) | [NWS](#) | [NOAA Weather Radio outage status](#)

Emergency alerts: [FEMA App](#) (download to phone) | Wireless Emergency Alerts (turn ON in phone settings).

Space weather: [SWPC 3-Day Forecast](#) | [Geophysical Institute Aurora Forecast](#)

Gas prices: [AAA Daily National Average](#)

Food + Agriculture: [USDA WASDE Report](#)

Public health: [CDC Health Alert Network](#) | [WHO Disease Outbreak News](#)

Cybersecurity: [CISA Known Exploited Vulnerabilities catalog](#)

Conditions reference: [PREP-CON](#) | [COMCON](#) | [WX-CON](#) | [Space Weather](#).

Analytical methodology: [fortunefavorstheprepared.com / analytical-standards](#) (sourcing standards, estimative-language scale, risk-score formula, alt-hypothesis discipline).

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