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## THE ONE THING TODAY

**If you do nothing else today:** confirm your weather alert is active and your phone will wake you if a warning is issued tonight.

Severe storms are possible in the northern Plains this evening. The Angola, Indiana [NWR](#) transmitter is now out of service — if you are in Northern Indiana, your [NOAA](#) radio may not work. Use the [NOAA](#) weather app, Wireless Emergency Alerts, or call your local [NWS](#) office.

## THE SHORT VERSION

### What's happening this week, in five sentences:

1. The Strait of Hormuz, which carries a large share of the world's oil, is still effectively closed after 53 days of a US-led blockade on Iran. There are active negotiations for a deal, but as of today no agreement has been signed, and fighting escalated this week — Iranian drones struck Kuwait's airport Tuesday morning.
2. Gas prices nationally are at \$4.29 per gallon. Prices have been rising this week as the fighting in the Gulf continued. If a deal is signed, prices could fall. If fighting escalates further, expect prices to rise.
3. Severe thunderstorms are expected this afternoon and evening across the northern Plains (Nebraska, Dakotas, Minnesota). Large hail is the main risk early; damaging winds and a few tornadoes are possible by evening. A 32-transmitter gap in the [NOAA Weather Radio](#) network means some areas may not get automatic radio alerts — keep your phone and alerts on.
4. Russia launched a massive overnight attack on Ukraine on June 2 — 73 missiles and 656 drones, killing 22 civilians. A US diplomatic deadline for a peace deal has now arrived with no agreement in sight.
5. An Ebola outbreak in Central Africa remains active, but good news: the two patients being monitored in Brazil both tested negative. US public risk remains low. The outbreak is not spreading outside the Congo and Uganda region.

## WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

Five actions you can take in under an hour each

- 1. Check your weather alert setup today.** Severe storms are expected this afternoon and evening across northern Nebraska, the Dakotas, and western Minnesota. If you live in or travel through that area: know your county, have the [NOAA Weather Radio](#) app or Wireless Emergency Alerts turned on, and know where to shelter. Angola, Indiana transmitter is now out of service — Northern Indiana residents should confirm their backup alert method.
- 2. Check your patch status at work today.** A government deadline for patching specific Microsoft Defender software expires today (June 3). If you work in IT or manage company computers, confirm those patches are applied. Additionally, a security flaw in Fortinet network security software is being actively exploited by criminals right now — if your organization uses FortiClient EMS, escalate to IT immediately.
- 3. Check your fuel level and consider topping off.** Gas is at \$4.29 per gallon nationally. The Iran situation is the main driver. If a deal collapses or fighting escalates in the Persian Gulf, prices can jump quickly. A full tank is simple insurance.
- 4. If you have medical appointments or travel through the Middle East or Africa, check your screening status.** The Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda remains active. Both Brazil suspect cases cleared negative. US public risk is low, but travelers with recent DRC, Uganda, or South Sudan exposure within 21 days may face airport screening.
- 5. Review your 72-hour kit this weekend.** PREP-CON 3 (Incident Probable) means conditions are elevated. Water, food, first aid, a hand-crank or battery radio, and a paper copy of your family contact plan are the basics. You do not need to do everything at once — check one item now.

## TODAY'S IMPACTS AT A GLANCE

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

CATEGORY	WHAT'S HAPPENING	YOUR ACTION
<b>GAS &amp; FUEL</b>	National average \$4.29/gal. Prices rising on Iran kinetics. Brent crude \$96.97 (+0.93% today, 3rd consecutive gain).	Top off your tank now if below half. Avoid unnecessary long drives this week.
<b>WEATHER</b>	SLIGHT severe wx risk: N Plains (N Nebraska, Dakotas, MN). Large hail + severe winds primary; few tornadoes possible.	If in risk area: know your county, shelter plan ready, phone alerts on, <a href="#">NWR</a> radio charged.
<b><a href="#">NWR</a> RADIO GAPS</b>	32 <a href="#">NOAA Weather Radio</a> transmitters are out of service or degraded across 13 states + AK. Angola IN (KXI94) now OOS.	Confirm your phone WEA alerts are on. Download <a href="#">NOAA</a> Weather app as backup.
<b>CYBER / COMPUTERS</b>	FCEB Defender deadline PASSED 03-JUN. FortiClient EMS CVE-2026-35616 (CVSS 9.1) actively exploited. Patch immediately. KEV: Linux Kernel + Android Framework added 02-JUN.	IT staff: confirm today's patches applied. Alert employer if using FortiClient EMS.
<b>SOLAR / RADIO</b>	G3 Strong Geomagnetic Storm Watch - CME arrival mid-afternoon EDT today. HF radio blackout sunlit paths. GPS degraded. Grid fluctuations possible.	Amateur radio operators: monitor for HF blackout windows. Most people: no action needed.

<b>EBOLA</b>	DRC/Uganda outbreak active (344 confirmed). Brazil both patients NEGATIVE. PHEIC in force.	If you or family traveled DRC/Uganda/S. Sudan within 21 days: watch for symptoms; notify doctor.
<b>GROCERIES</b>	Urea fertilizer +78% above pre-war levels; food price pass-through locked in for Q3 2026. Ocean freight +57%.	Stock 2-4 weeks of shelf staples. Prices are set to rise further through summer.
<b>UKRAINE / RUSSIA</b>	Ukrainian drones hit St Petersburg oil terminal 03-04-JUN. No Russian mass attack overnight 03-04-JUN. Peace deadline lapsed with no ceasefire.	No direct US household action. Monitor for energy market reaction if conflict widens.

## WEATHER - WHERE IT MATTERS TODAY

REGION	HAZARD	WHAT TO DO
<b>N Nebraska / E Dakotas / W Minnesota</b>	SLIGHT risk. Supercells this afternoon - large hail primary, damaging winds by evening, a few tornadoes possible. MCS likely overnight.	Know your county. Have shelter plan ready. Alerts on. Check <a href="#">NWR</a> transmitter status.
<b>Central High Plains (CO/KS)</b>	Isolated severe storms possible. Large hail and gusty winds.	Monitor <a href="#">SPC</a> for updates. Keep phone alerts on.
<b>SW Texas / Southern New Mexico</b>	Locally damaging wind gusts possible.	Secure outdoor furniture and loose items.
<b>Ozarks / Southeast</b>	Widespread showers and thunderstorms. Isolated flash flooding possible.	Avoid low-water crossings. Check road conditions before driving.
<b>Rest of CONUS</b>	No significant hazard today.	No action required.
<b>Atlantic / Gulf</b>	Hurricane season opened June 1. No active storms or disturbances. Below-normal season forecast.	If in hurricane zone: confirm your plan and supplies are ready.

## SPACE WEATHER - WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

**Today's situation:** [SWPC](#) has recorded three moderate solar flares (called M-class) today — at 1:36 AM, 7:00 AM, and a third one still ongoing as of late morning UTC. These are the M9.3, M7.7, and M5+ events.

**What this means:** Shortwave (HF) radio signals on the sunlit side of Earth may be temporarily disrupted. GPS accuracy may be slightly degraded for brief periods. The geomagnetic level (Kp) is 3 out of 9 — that is “quiet to unsettled,” not storm level. No auroras are expected at mid-latitudes.

**Who it affects:** Amateur radio operators using HF frequencies, aviation HF comms, and anyone relying on precise GPS. Most people: no noticeable effect.

**What to watch:** [SWPC](#) is analyzing whether today's flares launched a coronal mass ejection (CME) toward Earth. If so, there could be minor geomagnetic activity in 1-3 days. Check [spaceweather.gov](#) for updates.

## SUPPLY CHAIN - WHAT IT MEANS AT HOME

**Gas pump:** \$4.29 per gallon nationally (regular, confirmed June 3). Prices have risen three days in a row driven by Iran fighting. Even if a deal is signed, experts say it will take months for production and shipping to fully recover. A deal breakdown could push prices higher quickly. Keep your tank topped off.

**Groceries:** Fertilizer prices are 78% above pre-war levels and food price increases are locked in for summer and fall 2026. Expect continued grocery price pressure through Q3. Building 2-4 weeks of shelf-stable staples now avoids paying more later.

**Online shopping and shipping:** Ocean freight costs are 57% above pre-war levels. Ships are rerouting around Africa instead of through the Suez Canal, adding 10-14 days to delivery times. Expect some items to take longer or cost more.

**Diesel and trucking:** Diesel is around \$5.42 per gallon nationally — 45% above pre-war. This feeds directly into the cost of delivered goods. Trucking margins are compressed.

## CYBER, COMMS & LOCAL IMPACTS

**Government and work computers:** A government-mandated deadline to patch Microsoft Defender software expires today (June 3). If you work in IT or manage business computers: confirm today. Additionally, a critical security flaw in Fortinet network security software (FortiClient EMS) is being actively exploited by criminals right now. If your organization uses this product, contact IT today.

**Your home network:** Two new “known exploited vulnerabilities” were added to the government's active threat list on June 2: one in Linux (affects servers and Android devices) and one in Android smartphones (versions 14 through 16, requires no user interaction). Check that your Android phone is up to date.

**NOAA Weather Radio:** 29 transmitters across 13 states and Alaska are currently out of service or degraded. Angola, Indiana (KXI94) upgraded from degraded to out of service this cycle — Northern Indiana residents should use the [NOAA](#) Weather app or Wireless Emergency Alerts on their phone as backup. A full list is in the DTR Full.

**Phone scams and physical infiltration:** The [FBI](#) has warned about criminals posing as IT support workers to physically insert USB drives into business computers to steal data. These attackers have hit 38+ businesses this year. Rule: no unscheduled IT visit is legitimate. Verify with your IT department by phone before allowing access.

## SIGNALS THAT CONDITIONS ARE GETTING WORSE

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

- Iran-US deal collapses entirely, or new major military action occurs in the Persian Gulf — gas prices would jump within days.

- [SPC](#) upgrades today's storm risk to ENHANCED or MODERATE, or a significant tornado or derecho forms in the Plains.
- A first Ebola case confirmed outside DRC and Uganda — would trigger expanded travel screening.
- Russia escalates Ukraine attacks to include [NATO](#) territory or energy infrastructure in Europe — could affect European energy prices and US LNG demand.
- [SWPC](#) issues a CME alert with Earth-directed trajectory — would elevate SWX-CON and create HF/GPS disruption risk within 1-3 days.
- Any major US cyber incident affecting a hospital, water system, or grid operator — would signal broader exploitation campaign.

## QUICK REFERENCE - KEY LINKS

[PREP-CON \(Preparedness Conditions\)](#) — Understand the five readiness levels and what actions to take at each.

[COMCON \(Communications Conditions\)](#) — Communications readiness scale and PACE plan guidance.

[SPC Day 1 Convective Outlook](#) — Today's severe weather threat map from [NOAA](#) Storm Prediction Center.

[NOAA Space Weather](#) — Current solar activity, geomagnetic conditions, and forecasts.

[AAA Gas Prices](#) — National and state-by-state gas price tracker.

[CDC Ebola Information](#) — Current outbreak status, traveler guidance, and risk assessment.

[Ready.gov](#) — FEMA household emergency preparedness guides.

[NIFC Wildfire Information](#) — National Interagency Fire Center — active fires and resources.

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