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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 expected this afternoon into northern Illinois. The Cedar Rapids, Iowa [NOAA Weather Radio](#) transmitter is now out of service - if you are in that area, your [NOAA](#) radio may not work. Use the [NOAA](#) Weather app, Wireless Emergency Alerts, or call your local [NWS](#) office.

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. The Cedar Rapids, Iowa [NOAA Weather Radio](#) transmitter is now out of service - Iowa residents in the storm corridor should use the [NOAA](#) Weather app or Wireless Emergency Alerts.
- 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.

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 54 days of a US-led blockade on Iran. Iran's navy fired warning missiles and drones at US warships this morning. 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 and damaging winds are the main risks this afternoon. There is also a chance storms re-intensify over northern Indiana and lower Michigan. A 31-transmitter gap in the [NOAA Weather Radio](#) network means some areas - including Cedar Rapids, Iowa - may not get automatic radio alerts. Keep your phone and Wireless Emergency 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.

TODAY'S IMPACTS AT A GLANCE

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

CATEGORY	WHAT'S HAPPENING	YOUR ACTION
GAS & FUEL	National average \$4.241/gal (04-JUN). Brent \$95.25 this morning. May jobs report: +172,000 jobs added - much stronger than expected.	Top off your tank now if below half. Avoid unnecessary long drives this week.
WEATHER	SLIGHT severe wx risk: Nebraska/Kansas into N.Illinois. Large hail + severe winds primary. Re-intensification risk N.Indiana/lower Michigan late afternoon.	If in risk area (NE/KS/IA/IL/IN/MI): know your county, shelter plan ready, phone Wireless Emergency Alerts on, NWR radio charged (Cedar Rapids IA OOS this cycle).
NWR RADIO GAPS	31 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters are out of service or degraded across 15 states + AK. NEW OOS this cycle: Cedar Rapids IA (in storm corridor), Cornwall CT, Baltimore MD.	Confirm your phone WEA alerts are on. Download NOAA Weather app as backup.
CYBER / COMPUTERS	Two FCEB patching deadlines TODAY: Linux Kernel (CVE-2022-0492) and Android Framework (CVE-2025-48595). If you use Android or Linux systems, make sure they are fully updated.	IT staff: confirm today's patches applied. Alert employer if using FortiClient EMS.

SOLAR / RADIO	Solar storm arrived early this morning. Space weather elevated (K=4). GPS may be slightly less accurate. Aurora possible in Alaska and far northern US tonight through tomorrow morning.	Amateur radio operators: monitor for HF blackout windows. Most people: no action needed.
EBOLA	DRC/Uganda Ebola outbreak active (363 confirmed / 62 deaths). Armed conflict is limiting the health response. PHEIC in force. Low risk for US public.	If you or family traveled DRC/Uganda/S. Sudan within 21 days: watch for symptoms; notify doctor.
GROCERIES	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.
UKRAINE / RUSSIA	Ukraine: no mass Russian attack overnight. Zelenskyy proposed a ceasefire in a letter to Putin. No response from Russia yet.	No direct US household action. Monitor for energy market reaction if conflict widens.

WEATHER - WHERE IT MATTERS TODAY

REGION	HAZARD	WHAT TO DO
N Nebraska / E Dakotas / W Minnesota	SLIGHT risk from Nebraska/Kansas into northern Illinois this afternoon. Supercells with large hail and damaging winds. MCS re-intensification risk over northern Indiana and lower Michigan.	Know your county. Wireless Emergency Alerts on. Know your shelter. Cedar Rapids IA NWR transmitter is out of service - use phone alerts.
Central High Plains (CO/KS)	Isolated severe storms possible. Large hail and gusty winds.	Monitor SPC for updates. Keep phone alerts on.
SW Texas / Southern New Mexico	Locally damaging wind gusts possible.	Secure outdoor furniture and loose items.
Ozarks / Southeast	Widespread showers and thunderstorms. Isolated flash flooding possible.	Avoid low-water crossings. Check road conditions before driving.
Rest of CONUS	No significant hazard today.	No action required.
Atlantic / Gulf	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: 31 transmitters across 15 states and Alaska are currently out of service or degraded. New out-of-service transmitters this cycle: Cedar Rapids IA (WXL48) - in today's storm corridor - plus Cornwall CT and Baltimore MD. Alaska's 12 degraded transmitters are linked to today's space weather event. 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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