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THE ONE THING TODAY

If you do nothing else today: Severe thunderstorms are possible across Florida and the Carolinas today as Arthur remnant moisture sweeps northeast -- if you are in those areas, keep weather alerts on your phone active. More critically: a major severe weather outbreak is forecast for Saturday across Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado -- large hail, 75 mph wind gusts, and tornadoes are all in play. If you have plans outdoors in the central Plains this weekend, have a shelter plan ready now.

Fire weather CRITICAL today for far northern California, extreme southern Oregon, and northwest Nevada -- lightning-started fires in those areas can spread fast in dry conditions. Gas prices have dropped sharply this week (\$77-79/bbl Brent, down 10%) as tankers begin moving out of the Strait of Hormuz following the US-Iran deal. Prices at the pump should ease over coming weeks. 35 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters are out of service or degraded nationally -- confirm your phone WEA alerts are turned on.

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

Five actions you can take in under an hour each

- 1. If you are in Florida, the Carolinas, or the central Plains, check your weather alerts.** Arthur storm remnants are sweeping northeast today bringing heavy rain and gusty winds to Florida and the Carolinas -- avoid flooded roads and keep your phone charged with WEA alerts on. More important: a major severe weather outbreak is forecast for Saturday across Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado. The Storm Prediction Center calls this an Enhanced Risk -- supercells with very large hail, 75+ mph wind gusts, and tornado potential. Have a shelter plan before Saturday afternoon. 35 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters are out of service nationwide -- your phone WEA alerts are essential.
- 2. Gas prices are falling -- but Burgenstock talks were delayed, watch this weekend.** Brent crude dropped about 10% this week to \$77-79 per barrel as stranded Iranian tankers began exiting the Strait of Hormuz. Pump prices should follow over the coming weeks. However, Phase 2 talks at Burgenstock in Switzerland were postponed Friday after Israel conducted new strikes on Hezbollah in Lebanon -- the deal is signed but implementation talks are stalled. If the situation in Lebanon causes Iran to walk away from the agreement, prices could reverse quickly. Keep a normal half-to-full tank as standard good practice.
- 3. Traveling to the UK or Northern Ireland? Improved but watch the weekend.** Belfast has been calm since Day 4 of the riots (June 13). The victim is out of his induced coma as of June 17. However, the underlying conditions -- record race-hate incidents, organized far-right network involvement -- have not changed, and this weekend (June 19-20) is a risk window for renewed flare-ups. If you have travel planned: avoid former protest areas, keep your phone charged, and check uk.usembassy.gov before you go. PSNI remains on elevated posture.
- 4. Check one kit item today.** PREP-CON 4 (Incident Possible) remains in effect. The biggest near-term household preparedness trigger is Saturday's forecast severe weather outbreak across the central Plains -- if you are in that zone, identify your shelter location now. Water, food, first aid, and a battery-powered weather radio are the basics. With 35 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters out of service nationwide including both Illinois transmitters (Chicago south metro + Hillsboro), your phone WEA alerts are essential. Saturday: keep devices charged.
- 5. Review your medication supplies and home cyber posture.** Iranian tankers are beginning to move through the Strait of Hormuz, but pharmaceutical supply chains will take months to fully normalize. Request 90-day fills for prescription medications while supply chains are still stressed. Cyber: if your company uses Check Point VPN products (Remote Access, Mobile Access, or Spark Firewalls), ask your IT department whether CVE-2026-50751 has been patched -- it has been actively exploited for 6 weeks and the government patch deadline passed 8 days ago. Contact IT if you get unexpected password reset requests.

THE SHORT VERSION

What's happening this week, in five sentences:

1. The US-Iran peace deal is signed and in effect, but the follow-up talks that were scheduled for today in Switzerland were postponed after Israel conducted new air strikes on Hezbollah targets in Lebanon -- the deal is holding for now, but Lebanon remains the main risk that could unravel it.
2. Oil prices dropped about 10% this week as stranded tankers began leaving the Strait of Hormuz, with Brent crude now around \$77-79 per barrel -- gas prices at the pump should ease gradually over the coming weeks, though full shipping normalization will take months.
3. Arthur storm remnants are pushing northeast today bringing flooding risk to Florida and the Carolinas, and more importantly a major severe weather outbreak is forecast for Saturday across Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado -- hail, high winds, and tornadoes are expected in those areas.
4. The World Cup is on Day 10 with the USA playing Australia today in Seattle; Belfast has been calm but the weekend is a watch window for renewed anti-immigrant unrest; and the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo has grown to 837 confirmed cases with no approved vaccine for this strain.
5. Space weather has a continuing electron flux alert (now Day 6) that mainly affects satellites, not everyday life -- no geomagnetic storms, no HF radio problems, no GPS issues -- and wildfire conditions are critical today across northern California and the Oregon border area.

TODAY'S IMPACTS AT A GLANCE

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

CATEGORY	WHAT'S HAPPENING	YOUR ACTION
GAS & FUEL	~\$3.95-4.05/gal (declining). Brent below \$79 (18-JUN, ~40% below conflict peak). Three Iranian VLCCs exited blockade with 3.8M barrels. US sanctions waiver on Iranian oil effective upon MOU signing today. Physical normalization: months.	Keep a normal half-to-full tank. Prices should continue to ease. Watch for today's signing news. If deal collapses unexpectedly, expect a quick reversal.
SEVERE WEATHER	Day 1 (today): SPC MARGINAL -- TX to FL + Carolinas (Arthur remnant moisture; gusty winds, hail); MN/WI (hail); Central Plains (overnight elevated). Arthur aftermath: 1 killed (MS), 200+ homes flooded Avoyelles LA, statewide emergency (LA). PDS Watch expired 0600Z. Day 2 (Saturday): SPC ENHANCED -- Central Plains KS/NE/CO (supercells, large hail, 75+ mph winds, tornadoes). Fire weather CRITICAL today: far N CA / extreme S OR / NW Nevada (dry lightning).	Gulf Coast/Carolinas/FL: avoid flooded roads; keep WEA on. Central Plains residents: identify shelter location for Saturday NOW before storms develop. IL/IN: Hillsboro + Lockport NWR both OOS -- WEA phone alert is your only warning.
NWR RADIO GAPS	35 transmitters OOS/DEGRADED (19-JUN). New this cycle: CA-Los Angeles KWO37 OOS -- SoFi/Inglewood World Cup corridor. IL double-gap: Lockport + Hillsboro both OOS (Chicago south + St. Louis). NM triple-gap: Artesia/Roswell/Carlsbad all OOS. AK Juneau cluster: 9 transmitters DEGRADED.	Turn on WEA alerts on your phone right now -- this is your primary backup for any NWR gap zone. Download the NOAA Weather App. CA residents near SoFi/Inglewood area: KWO37 is now OOS; rely on WEA for World Cup weekend weather alerts.
NORTHERN IRELAND / UK	Belfast Day 10 -- fragile calm holding. Victim Ogilvie out of induced coma 17-JUN; may still lose right eye. Alodid remanded in custody. Active Club neo-Nazi network confirmed organizer. 19-20 JUN weekend is elevated risk window -- structural conditions (record race hate, far-right coordination) unchanged.	Situation improved from peak but weekend watch is warranted. Traveling to UK/NI: avoid former protest areas, monitor news. Check uk.usembassy.gov . PSNI elevated posture continues.
SOLAR / COMMS	ALTEF3 Serial 3703 ACTIVE (issued 18-JUN 1507 UTC). Electron 2MeV flux >1000pfu for Day 6 continuous (began 13-JUN). No geomagnetic storm. No HF degradation. No GPS impact. Satellite charging risk at geosynchronous orbit only.	No action needed for households or most businesses. Ham radio: all bands normal. GPS: normal. If you operate satellites: monitor for charging anomalies.
GROCERIES	Fertilizer and input costs remain elevated from Hormuz disruption. Food-at-home inflation ~3.1% for 2026 (USDA). Beef prices projected up 9.4%. Supply chain disruptions ongoing.	Build 2-4 weeks of shelf-stable staples now. Prices are better now than projected for Q3-Q4 2026.
EBOLA	837 confirmed / 196 deaths DRC (as of 15-JUN, ECDC 17-JUN update). PHEIC Day 35. +29 cases +4 deaths since 16-JUN. Ituri province 767 cases (20 health zones); North Kivu 67 cases. Uganda 19 confirmed / 2 deaths. No vaccine or treatment for Bundibugyo strain. No US cases. CDC: US risk LOW.	No US action required for most households. If you or family traveled to DRC or Uganda recently: watch for fever, fatigue, and body aches -- call your doctor before visiting a medical facility.
OIL/FUEL SIGNAL	Brent \$77-79/bbl (19-JUN, -10% week). MOU in force Day 3. Stranded Iranian VLCCs exiting. Zero new commercial transits as of 0622Z. Mine-clearance ongoing; DHL projects 4-6 months to full normalization. Burgenstock Phase 2 talks postponed 19-JUN (Israel-Lebanon spoiler). Kuwait announcing production increases.	Pump prices should ease gradually over coming weeks. No need to panic-buy fuel. Watch Lebanon-Israel situation: sustained strikes could allow Iran to invoke MOU violation and exit, reversing oil prices.

WEATHER - WHERE IT MATTERS TODAY

REGION	HAZARD	WHAT TO DO
E. Washington / N-C Oregon Columbia Basin (TODAY)	CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER - 20-25 mph westerlies / gusts 30-40 mph / RH 15-25%	Highest fire weather risk in CONUS today. No burning, no hot work. Stage fire plans. Monitor NWS Spokane and WA-DNR.
Southern Lake Michigan -- IL/IN/WI (TODAY late PM)	MARGINAL -- supercell potential, hail/wind, isolated tornado	Possible vigorous convection late afternoon. Standard severe weather prep. Keep WEA on. Note: IL Lockport KZZ81 OOS (Chicago south coverage gap).
Central IL / NW Indiana (WEDNESDAY)	MODERATE RISK -- intense tornadoes / gusts to 80 mph / hail to 2.5 inches	Make severe weather plans TODAY before Wednesday. Know your nearest shelter. Have a battery-powered weather radio or WEA on phone. IN Angola KXI94 is DEGRADED -- phone alerts are primary backup.
Northern Great Basin / Snake River Plain (TODAY)	ELEVATED TO LOCALLY CRITICAL fire weather	RH 15-20%, 15-25 mph westerlies. No burning. Monitor NWS Boise and BLM fire info.
E. Great Basin / Central Rockies / Adjacent Plains (TODAY)	ELEVATED fire weather -- temps 90s / single-digit to teens RH / 15-20 mph winds	Broadly elevated conditions. No outdoor burning. Monitor local NWS office and NIFC.
New Mexico (NWR Triple-Gap)	Active fire season + zero primary NWR coverage	Artesia, Carlsbad, and Roswell NWR transmitters all OOS. Use FEMA App or WEA phone alerts. Chaves and Eddy county residents: no primary NWR during fire season.
Atlantic / Gulf	Tropical disturbance moving east along Gulf Coast -- isolated gusts possible. No active named storms.	No action needed for most households. Monitor NHC at nhc.noaa.gov .
Rest of CONUS	No significant hazard today	No action required.

SPACE WEATHER - WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

Today's situation: [SWPC](#) Elevated electron flux alert (ALTEF3 Serial 3702) continues for a third day -- 1,489 pfu measured yesterday (declining from 1,581 two days ago). Still above the 1,000 pfu threshold. A solar ejection from June 12 may deliver a glancing blow overnight tonight (16-17 JUN) -- forecast Kp max of 3.67, which is below the level needed for a geomagnetic storm.

What this means today: Most people need to take no action. Space weather is elevated but no storm is in progress. HF radio works normally. GPS works normally. Tonight: a small chance of aurora visible at high latitudes (Canada, Alaska) from the possible glancing CME hit -- nothing severe.

Watch this week: [SWPC](#) The electron flux should continue declining. No new geomagnetic storm watches issued. Ham radio: HF bands are normal. GPS: normal. No action required for household electronics.

SUPPLY CHAIN - WHAT IT MEANS AT HOME

Gas pump: About \$4.07 per gallon nationally (AAA 16-JUN). Brent crude is at \$80.47. Iranian oil tankers started transiting the Strait of Hormuz today for the first time in 108 days -- a positive sign, but mine-clearing and full shipping normalization will take months. Prices should continue to ease. If the deal falls apart before Friday's signing, prices could reverse quickly.

Groceries: Fertilizer prices remain elevated from the Hormuz disruption. USDA revised food-at-home inflation to 3.1% for 2026 -- nearly double the start-of-year projection. Beef prices projected up 9.4%. Building 2-4 weeks of shelf-stable staples now is smart -- prices are better now than projected for Q3-Q4 2026.

Online shipping: Tankers are starting to move again today, which is good news, but the full supply chain -- mine-clearing, shipping ramp-up, port congestion clearing -- will take months to normalize per DHL. Expect delivery times for goods from Asia to remain longer than normal through at least Q3 2026.

Diesel and trucking: Diesel is about \$5.40+ per gallon -- well above pre-war levels. This feeds directly into the cost of delivered goods. Trucking margins are compressed and those costs are being passed to consumers.

Medications: Order 90-day fills now for prescription medications. The Hormuz disruption may affect pharmaceutical supply chains for some medications. If your pharmacy is out of a medication, ask about alternatives or contact your doctor. Enterprise workers: IT may push urgent VPN patches today or tomorrow -- this is legitimate and expected.

CYBER, COMMS & LOCAL IMPACTS

Iranian tankers are transiting Hormuz -- MOU signing is Friday: Iranian oil tankers started moving through the Strait of Hormuz today for the first time in 108 days. The formal signing ceremony is still Friday 19-JUN in Switzerland. Watch for: Lebanon flare-ups (IDF-Hezbollah exchanges have been continuing) and any news about deal negotiations. The deal is not done until it is signed.

Three major software vulnerabilities -- all past deadline, all being actively exploited: Oracle PeopleSoft, Ivanti Sentry, and Check Point VPN all had mandatory patch deadlines that have now passed. If your company uses any of these products and your IT team contacts you about urgent updates or password resets, it is legitimate -- cooperate and do not delay. If you run a small business: contact your IT support about these vulnerabilities this week.

Fake FIFA ticket sites and phishing emails are active: The FBI confirmed that criminals set up a fake version of the official FIFA website in Week 1 of the tournament. More than 300 fake FIFA-related websites are active. If you are buying World Cup tickets, merchandise, or streaming subscriptions: only use the official FIFA.com website. Be careful about FIFA-related emails and QR codes at events.

Belfast riots -- de-escalating: Day 8, and the situation is improving. A massive counter-protest Saturday in Belfast City Hall drew thousands. No confirmed violence Friday-Sunday. 23 arrested, 17 charged. A neo-Nazi network (Active Club) was confirmed as an organizer -- important because this network operates in the US too. If you are traveling to Northern Ireland or the UK: situation is better but PSNI remains on elevated alert. Avoid former protest areas.

[object Object]: 32 transmitters are out of service or degraded (16-JUN roster). Critical gaps: Indiana (Angola transmitter degraded -- in the Wednesday Moderate Risk zone for severe weather), New Mexico (Roswell, Artesia, Carlsbad all out -- no primary fire weather alerts), Maryland (Baltimore out -- World Cup fan corridor). Full list at weather.gov/nwr/outages. Confirm WEA phone alerts are on your phone now.

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 MOU collapses before Friday's signing -- look for a major IDF strike in Lebanon, Iranian military announcement pulling out, or Trump reversing course. An oil price spike of \$5-10/barrel would follow within hours.
- A new IDF strike in Lebanon or a Hezbollah rocket attack that Iran treats as a deal-breaker -- this is the single highest-probability spoiler before Friday's signing.
- [SPC](#)
- issues a WATCH, WARNING, or upgraded outlook for your area -- fire weather is already CRITICAL in eastern Washington today, and Wednesday brings a MODERATE outbreak risk for central IL/NW IN.
- A large wildfire evacuation order is issued in the Western US this week -- fire weather is elevated to critical in the Northern Rockies and Great Basin from Tuesday.
- Violence returns to Belfast or spreads to other UK cities -- the neo-Nazi network that organized the riots is still active and calling for replication.
- A US hospital, water utility, or energy company announces a cyberattack -- would signal Iranian or other state cyber actors have escalated from scanning to attacks on infrastructure.
- Ebola shows possible deceleration -- 808 confirmed total, but only +26 in the latest one-day report vs +106 in the prior 3-day period. Watch for the next ECDC sitrep to confirm whether this is a real slowdown or a reporting lag.

QUICK REFERENCE - KEY LINKS

[PREP-CON \(Preparedness Conditions\)](#) - Understand the four 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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