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THE ONE THING TODAY

WILDFIRE SEASON ESCALATED THIS MORNING -- AND SEVERE WEATHER STRUCK THE MIDWEST THIS WEEKEND.

The National Interagency Fire Center elevated the national fire danger level to NPL 3 this morning -- there are 31 large uncontained wildfires burning. Meanwhile, an EF2 tornado killed one person in Kansas Sunday, and two more people were killed by a tornado in Illinois. If you live anywhere west of the Mississippi, fire season is heating up fast. If you live in the Midwest: have a shelter plan before tonight. Gas prices are falling -- Brent is at \$78.41, down about 10% over the past week -- but pump prices lag, so do not expect overnight relief at the station. Turn on WEA alerts on your phone right now: 31 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters are out of service nationwide.

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

Five actions you can take in under an hour each

- 1. If you are in the Midwest, Southeast, or Great Plains, know your shelter now.** A line of severe storms moved through the Midwest this weekend and the outbreak continues. An EF2 tornado killed one person in Kansas Sunday. Two people were killed by a tornado in Dix, Illinois. Another tornado collapsed an apartment building in Newburgh, Indiana. More storms are coming: the Storm Prediction Center has a SLIGHT risk today for the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic, and another SLIGHT risk for eastern Colorado, western Kansas, and northern Oklahoma on Tuesday. Tonight and tomorrow: have a shelter plan in place before convection starts. 31 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters are out of service nationwide -- your phone WEA alerts are essential.
- 2. Gas prices are easing -- Burgenstock talks are underway but Iran is holding firm on nuclear.** Brent crude is at \$78.41 per barrel, down about 10% over the past week, and Goldman Sachs expects prices to fall to \$80/bbl by the end of this year. Pump prices are starting to ease and should continue to improve over the coming weeks. The US and Iran held their first Phase 2 meeting in Switzerland this Sunday -- but Iran publicly stated it will never give up its right to enrich uranium. That is the central sticking point. Keep a normal half-to-full tank as standard good practice.
- 3. Traveling to the UK or Northern Ireland? Weekend calm confirmed -- but situation is not resolved.** The elevated risk window this past weekend (June 19-20) passed without significant new incidents. The victim of the original stabbing is out of his coma, though doctors say he may still lose sight in his right eye. The man accused of the stabbing is in custody. However, the underlying conditions have not changed: there is a record number of race-hate incidents in Northern Ireland, and the neo-Nazi network that helped organize the riots is still active. If you have travel planned: Belfast is calmer now, but avoid former protest areas and check uk.usembassy.gov before you go.
- 4. Check one kit item today: your shelter plan.** PREP-CON 3 (Incident Probable) is in effect. This means multiple real-world conditions are simultaneously elevated -- not a drill. This week that means: Ebola PHEIC is active; there are 31 large uncontained wildfires; an M6.8 solar flare may deliver a glancing blow late today; and there are more severe storms coming Tuesday. Water, food, first aid, and a battery-powered weather radio or charged phone with WEA alerts on are the basics. With 31 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters out of service nationwide, your phone WEA alerts are your primary backup.
- 5. Review your medication supplies and watch for IT updates this week.** Supply chains are starting to ease as the Hormuz crisis de-escalates, 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 employer contacts you about urgent software updates for Splunk, Fortinet VPN, or similar security tools this week, cooperate right away -- there are active security vulnerabilities that IT teams are racing to fix. Contact IT if you get unexpected password reset requests you did not initiate.

THE SHORT VERSION

What's happening this week, in five sentences:

1. The United States and Iran held their first Phase 2 negotiating meeting in Switzerland this weekend, with diplomats saying the talks went well -- but Iran publicly said it will never give up its nuclear program, which is the main sticking point.
2. Gas prices are easing -- oil is at about \$78 per barrel, down 10% this month, and Goldman Sachs thinks it will keep falling -- but the Strait of Hormuz is still operating at almost zero commercial traffic compared to normal, so full relief at the pump is still weeks away.
3. An EF2 tornado killed one person in Kansas on Sunday, tornadoes also killed two people in Illinois, and there are more severe storms in the forecast for the Midwest through Tuesday -- if you are in that area, have a shelter plan before tonight.
4. The Belfast riots have quieted -- the dangerous weekend of June 19-20 passed without major new violence -- but the World Cup is entering its second week with ISIS having published attack guidance for venues, and the Ebola outbreak in Africa now has 856 confirmed cases with a Monday health update expected today.
5. The federal government elevated wildfire danger to the third-highest level this morning, with 31 large fires burning and a solar flare on Sunday that may cause minor disruptions to satellite systems and radio communications in the next day or two.

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	SPC Day 1 SLIGHT: Southeast/Mid-Atlantic (active MCS/MCV complex AR to TX, damaging winds, 1-2 tornadoes possible) AND N/Central High Plains (supercells, large hail, 1-2 tornadoes NE Panhandle/NE CO). SPC Day 2 SLIGHT: eastern CO/western KS/N OK. Weekend: EF2 KS (1 fatality), Dix IL (2 fatalities), Newburgh IN (apartment collapse). Fire Weather Day 2 CRITICAL: N AZ/S UT.	Keep WEA alerts on your phone. Know your shelter location before tonight if you are in the SE or Mid-Atlantic. Central Plains: Tuesday brings another round of severe weather. Check SPC outlooks at spc.noaa.gov .
NWR RADIO GAPS	31 transmitters OOS/DEGRADED (22-JUN). New this cycle: OH Youngstown, IL Lockport, NC Statesville, TX Rio Grande City, TX Ozona, NV Owyhee, GA Brunswick, AK Point Pigot. IL double-gap: Lockport + Hillsboro both OOS (Chicago south + St. Louis). NM triple-gap: Artesia/Roswell/Carlsbad all OOS. AK cluster: 12 DEGRADED.	Turn on WEA alerts on your phone right now -- this is your primary backup for any NWR gap zone. If you are in Illinois (Chicago south or Hillsboro areas) or New Mexico: your NWR coverage is currently zero. WEA phone alerts are your only automated weather warning system.
NORTHERN IRELAND / UK	Belfast Day 14 -- weekend 19-20 JUN passed without significant new violence. Ogilvie out of coma per 17-JUN update; may still lose right eye. Alodid in custody. Active Club (neo-Nazi network) confirmed organizer. Structural conditions unchanged: record race hate incidents (2,367 per year to March 2026).	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	M6.8 solar flare on Sunday 21-JUN with a possible associated solar ejection (CME). If the ejection reaches Earth, minor disruptions to satellite systems and high-frequency radio may occur late today or Tuesday. No geomagnetic storm is forecast -- just a glancing blow. No GPS impact expected.	No action needed for most households. Ham radio operators: monitor SWPC at swpc.noaa.gov for updates. Satellite operators: maintain enhanced monitoring. Aurora may be visible at very high latitudes (Canada, Alaska) if the CME arrives.
GROCERIES	Fertilizer and input costs remain elevated from Hormuz disruption but easing. Food-at-home inflation ~3.1% for 2026 (USDA). Beef prices projected up 9.4%. Supply chain disruptions ongoing -- full normalization months away.	Build 2-4 weeks of shelf-stable staples now. Prices are better now than projected for Q3-Q4 2026.
EBOLA	856 confirmed / 198 deaths DRC + Uganda (ECDC 17-JUN). PHEIC Day 38. +29 cases +4 deaths since 16-JUN update. Burial team attacked in Mongbwalu; 5 workers taken hostage. No vaccine or treatment for Bundibugyo strain. Monday WHO sitrep expected today. 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 \$78.41/bbl (22-JUN morning, down 2.1%). MOU in force Day 6. Burgenstock Phase 2 first session complete 21-JUN. CENTCOM: 55+ ships transited 20-JUN. IMF PortWatch 14-JUN: 0 commercial transits vs 94/day. Mine-clearance ongoing. Goldman Sachs expects Persian Gulf exports back to pre-war levels by end of July.	Pump prices should continue easing over coming weeks. No need to panic-buy fuel. Iran publicly reaffirmed it will not give up enrichment -- keep watching the negotiation

news. Physical normalization is still months away.

WEATHER - WHERE IT MATTERS TODAY

REGION	HAZARD	WHAT TO DO
Southeast / Mid-Atlantic (TODAY)	SPC SLIGHT -- MCS/MCV complex AR/TX tracking ESE / damaging winds / 1-2 tornadoes near warm front MD/PA/NJ/DE	WEA alerts on phone. Know your shelter. Avoid flooded roads during storm passage. Check SPC at spc.noaa.gov .
Northern/Central High Plains (TODAY)	SPC SLIGHT -- supercells / large to very large hail / 1-2 tornadoes NE Panhandle/NE CO	Afternoon-evening initiation. WEA alerts on. Know your shelter location. Hail risk primary -- move vehicles to garage if possible.
Eastern CO / Western KS / N Oklahoma (TUESDAY)	SPC SLIGHT -- supercells / large hail / bowing MCS and severe winds evening	Make shelter plans NOW. Storms expected afternoon-evening Tuesday. IN Angola KXI94 DEGRADED -- phone alerts are primary backup in Northern Indiana.
Northern AZ / Southern UT (TUESDAY)	SPC CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER -- 20+ mph westerly winds / 10-15% RH / fuels receptive to fire spread	No burning tomorrow. Stage fire plans today. Monitor NWS Flagstaff and NWS Salt Lake City. NIFC NPL 3 -- fire danger nationally elevated.
Great Basin / Four Corners / Snake River Plain (TODAY)	ELEVATED fire weather -- 15 mph WSW winds / 10-15% RH / fuels receptive	No outdoor burning today. Monitor NWS Boise, NWS Albuquerque, and NIFC. New fires can spread rapidly in these conditions.
New Mexico -- NWR Triple-Gap (ONGOING)	Active fire season + zero primary NWR coverage (Artesia/Roswell/Carlsbad all OOS)	Use FEMA App and WEA phone alerts only -- there is NO primary weather radio coverage in Chaves and Eddy counties. Download the FEMA App today if you have not already.
Atlantic / Gulf	No active named storms. Tropical season is active -- monitor NHC.	No action needed for most households. Monitor NHC at nhc.noaa.gov for tropical development.
Rest of CONUS	No significant hazard today	No action required.

SPACE WEATHER - WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

Today's situation: [SWPC](#) An M6.8 solar flare erupted Sunday evening (21-JUN 1929 UTC) from sunspot region AR4473. The flare caused a brief radio blackout on the sunlit side of Earth. A Type II radio sweep at 380 km/s was detected -- this is a sign that a solar ejection (CME) may have been launched. If that CME reaches Earth, expect minor disruptions late today or Tuesday (Kp 3-5 range). This is below the threshold for a geomagnetic storm.

What this means today: Most people need to take no action. Space weather has a new active event but no storm is expected -- just a glancing blow. HF radio is currently working normally. GPS is working normally. Tonight or tomorrow: a small chance of aurora visible at high latitudes like northern Canada, Alaska, and Scotland from the possible CME arrival.

Watch this week: [SWPC](#) Monitor for any SWPC update on whether the CME is Earth-directed and its projected arrival time. If Kp reaches 5 or higher, ham radio operators should expect degraded high-latitude HF bands. GPS will remain normal. No action required for household electronics or appliances.

SUPPLY CHAIN - WHAT IT MEANS AT HOME

Gas pump: About \$3.95-4.10 per gallon nationally (22-JUN estimate; AAA for current price). Brent crude is at \$78.41, down about 10% over the past week. Phase 2 talks are underway in Switzerland. Prices should continue to ease, but mine-clearing and full shipping normalization will take months. Goldman Sachs expects Gulf exports back to pre-war levels by end of July.

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: The Hormuz situation is improving, 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. War-risk insurance on shipments remains 8x pre-crisis.

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 has affected some pharmaceutical supply chains. If your pharmacy is out of a medication, ask about alternatives or contact your doctor. Enterprise workers: IT may push urgent security patches this week for Splunk, Fortinet VPN, and related tools -- this is legitimate and expected, cooperate right away.

CYBER, COMMS & LOCAL IMPACTS

Burgenstock Phase 2 talks are underway -- but Iran said it will not give up nuclear enrichment: The US and Iran met in Switzerland this Sunday for the first Phase 2 negotiating session. Diplomats said the atmosphere was positive. Three working groups were established -- nuclear, sanctions, and monitoring. But Iran's president publicly declared the same day that Iran will never give up its right to enrich uranium, which is the core issue the US wants resolved. Watch for: any news of Iranian walkout from the talks, or new Israeli military strikes in Lebanon (those could allow Iran to exit the agreement).

Active cybersecurity vulnerabilities -- IT may contact you this week: A Splunk software vulnerability (a tool many companies use for security monitoring) had its deadline pass on Saturday and is now confirmed as actively exploited by attackers. Fortinet VPN has a new serious vulnerability that the government has formally warned about. If your employer contacts you about urgent software updates, password resets, or security patches this week, cooperate right away -- these are legitimate actions to protect systems under active attack.

ISIS published attack guidance for World Cup venues: ISIS formally issued lone-actor attack guidance this week specifically targeting FIFA World Cup venues. This does not mean an attack is planned -- it means ISIS is encouraging followers to act. Security has been high at venues and no major incidents have occurred through Day 12. If you are attending a World Cup match: arrive early to allow for security screening, follow venue safety instructions, know your exits, and report anything suspicious to venue staff or law enforcement.

Belfast -- weekend calm confirmed: The dangerous weekend of June 19-20 passed without major new violence. The victim of the original attack is out of his induced coma. The suspect is in custody. 23 people have been arrested total, 17 charged. If you are traveling to Northern Ireland or the UK: the situation is much calmer now but avoid areas that saw riots earlier this month. PSNI remains on elevated alert.

[object Object]: 31 transmitters are out of service or degraded as of 22-JUN. Critical gaps: Illinois double-gap (Lockport near Chicago AND Hillsboro both OOS -- both areas in the severe weather risk zone), New Mexico triple-gap (Roswell, Artesia, Carlsbad all out -- no primary fire weather alerts), North Carolina Statesville OOS. Full list at weather.gov/nwr/outages. Confirm WEA phone alerts are on your phone right 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 Phase 2 negotiations collapse -- look for an Iranian walkout, a major IDF strike in Lebanon that Iran uses as justification to exit, or Trump announcing failure. An oil price spike of \$5-10/barrel would follow within hours.
- A new major IDF strike in Lebanon or a Hezbollah rocket attack that Iran uses as justification to exit the deal -- Iran's president already said publicly that Iran will not give up nuclear enrichment, which means the deal is fragile.
- [SPC](#)
- issues a WATCH or WARNING for your area -- more severe storms are coming this week, and a SLIGHT risk is in effect for the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic today and for the Central Plains on Tuesday.
- A large wildfire evacuation order is issued near you -- wildfire danger has been elevated to NPL 3 (the third-highest level nationally) as of this morning, and fire weather conditions are dangerous in Arizona, Utah, Idaho, and the Great Basin through Tuesday.

- Violence returns to Belfast or spreads to other UK cities -- the neo-Nazi network that organized the riots is still active and has called for replication, even though this past weekend was calm.
- A US hospital, water utility, or energy company announces a cyberattack, or your employer's IT team declares an emergency related to a security breach -- there are multiple software vulnerabilities currently being exploited by attackers.
- The Ebola situation gets worse -- the Monday WHO sitrep is expected today and will tell us whether the outbreak is accelerating or stabilizing. Watch for: more than 30 new cases in the next update, or the first confirmed case outside DRC/Uganda.

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.

ANALYTICAL STANDARDS & SOURCE REGISTRY

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