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THE ONE THING TODAY

The most important thing you can do today is make sure your phone has WEA (Wireless Emergency Alerts) turned on. There are 22 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters out of service across the country right now, and tonight brings severe weather to eastern Colorado and Wyoming -- very large hail, wind gusts over 75 mph, and isolated tornadoes. If you are in that area, have a shelter location ready before sunset. Separately, wildfire danger is at its highest national level (NPL 3): there are 31 large fires burning, the biggest in Utah near Eureka has forced evacuations, and fire weather is critical across northern Arizona and southern Utah today. Gas prices are falling -- the national average hit \$3.93 on Tuesday -- but the global supply chain disruption from the Hormuz crisis will take another 9-12 months to fully clear.

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

Five actions you can take in under an hour each

- 1. If you are in eastern Colorado or southeast Wyoming: severe weather is coming tonight.** The Storm Prediction Center has issued an ENHANCED risk for your area tonight -- this is a significant storm event with very large hail (2+ inches), winds over 75 mph, and tornado potential. Storms may not develop until after dark tonight. Do not wait to make a shelter plan. Know where your shelter is before you go to bed. WEA alerts on your phone are your backup -- 22 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters are out of service nationwide. NC and SE Virginia: a SLIGHT risk for damaging winds and a brief tornado this afternoon.
- 2. Pump prices are falling -- keep a half-to-full tank as normal good practice.** The national average hit \$3.93 per gallon on Tuesday, down from over \$4.13 last week. Brent crude is at \$77.20 per barrel -- its lowest since before the Iran conflict. The US-Iran negotiations in Switzerland are producing a roadmap, but the physical supply chain (mine-clearing in the Strait of Hormuz, shipping normalization, port congestion) will take 9-12 months to fully recover. Prices will continue to ease gradually. There is no reason to rush-buy fuel.
- 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. PREP-CON 3 is in effect -- check one kit item today.** PREP-CON 3 (Incident Probable) means multiple elevated conditions simultaneously: the Iran conflict and Hormuz crisis are still in negotiation; Ebola is an active international health emergency with no vaccine; 31 large wildfires are burning; and severe weather is hitting tonight. With 22 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters out of service, your phone WEA alerts are your primary automated warning system. Make sure WEA is enabled. Water, food, first aid basics, and a charged phone with WEA on are the minimum household kit.
- 5. Check your medication supply and cooperate with any IT security updates this week.** Supply chains are easing but pharmaceutical supply chains lag behind oil prices by months. Request 90-day fills for prescription medications now. Cyber: if your employer asks you to update software for Chrome, Cisco, or network security tools this week, do it immediately -- there are three active cybersecurity deadlines today for your IT team. Also: the government issued a new warning about fuel monitoring systems at gas stations and storage facilities being hacked -- this is not a household action item, but it explains why your IT team may be extra busy.

TODAY'S IMPACTS AT A GLANCE

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

CATEGORY	WHAT'S HAPPENING	YOUR ACTION
GAS & FUEL	\$3.926/gal national avg (AAA 23-JUN -- down from \$4.13-4.17 last cycle). Brent \$77.20 (3-month low). US Treasury 60-day Iranian oil sales license active. Iran shipped 30M+ barrels past week. Mine-clearing ongoing -- full normalization 9-12 months.	Keep half-to-full tank as normal practice. Prices should continue gradual decline. No need to rush-buy. Food/goods prices will stay elevated longer than gas -- fertilizer, plastics, trucking costs all lag.
SEVERE WEATHER	SPC Day 1 ENHANCED: Central High Plains SE WY/E CO -- very large hail 2+ inches, 75+ mph gusts, isolated tornadoes. Storms developing TONIGHT (after dark). SPC Day 1 SLIGHT: SE Virginia/Eastern NC -- damaging winds, brief tornado, cold front. CRITICAL fire weather N AZ/S UT today -- single-digit RH, SW winds.	Central High Plains: shelter plan in place BEFORE tonight. Storms may develop after dark. SE VA/NC: afternoon/evening threat. Check spc.noaa.gov . WEA on your phone.
NWR RADIO GAPS	22 transmitters OOS/DEGRADED (16 OOS / 6 DEGRADED). CHANGE FROM PRIOR: 29 last cycle to 22 today. IL Lockport RESTORED (IL double-gap resolved). Still out: IL Hillsboro, NM triple-gap (Artesia/Roswell/Carlsbad), KS Ulysses (active severe weather today), NC Statesville (SPC SLIGHT area), TX Ozona, TX Rio Grande City, AK 5 transmitters, OR Portland degraded, TN Shelbyville, and more.	Turn WEA phone alerts on RIGHT NOW -- this is your only automated warning if you are in a gap zone. NM residents: still zero primary NWR coverage. KS Grant/Stanton/Haskell counties: NWR out during active severe weather today. Check weather.gov/nwr/outages for your county.
NORTHERN IRELAND / UK	Belfast Day 15 -- north Belfast arson under PSNI investigation today (23-JUN). PSNI publicly calling for calm. Alodid in custody. Record race-hate backdrop (2,367 incidents). Active Club network active. UK PM Starmer resigned 22-JUN -- Burnham frontrunner, caretaker government through ~July 18. 7th UK PM in 10 years.	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	CME from 21-JUN M6.8 flare DID NOT ARRIVE. No geomagnetic storm this cycle. Solar conditions quiet (Kp 2 max today). SWX-CON downgraded to 3 WATCH. The ALTEF3 electron flux event from last week has also wound down below alert threshold. 22 NWR transmitters still OOS/DEGRADED affecting emergency alert coverage.	No action needed for most households. Space weather is calm this cycle. Make sure WEA phone alerts are on -- 22 NWR transmitters are still out, and that is the real comms gap to address.
GROCERIES	Food-at-home inflation ~3.1% for 2026 (USDA). Beef prices up 9.4%. Fertilizer prices up ~50% from pre-war -- 2026 growing season inputs already purchased at elevated prices. Full food cost normalization is a 2027 story even as oil prices fall.	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 39. +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 \$77.20/bbl (23-JUN morning, 3-month low). WTI ~\$74. Pump \$3.926 (AAA). Iran shipped 30M+ barrels past week. US Treasury 60-day Iranian oil license active. Hormuz traffic recovering (55-67 ships/day per Energy Secretary) but mine-clearing, insurance, and container	No need to rush-buy fuel. Prices should continue gradual decline. Non-oil supply chains (plastics, food, manufactured goods) will remain elevated longer. For context:

backlog mean 9-12 months to full normalization. Goldman Sachs Q4 Brent forecast \$80.

your pump price is falling; your grocery prices will not fall as fast.

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](#) Good news on space weather. The solar ejection (CME) that was being tracked from Sunday's M6.8 solar flare did NOT arrive at Earth. No geomagnetic storm occurred. Space weather has returned to quiet conditions -- geomagnetic activity index (Kp) is at 2, well below any storm threshold. The previous elevated electron flux event from last week has also wound down. Space weather is not a concern for your household this week.

What this means today: Nothing. GPS is working normally. HF radio is working normally. No aurora is expected. No action needed for any household electronics or appliances. Space weather is quiet.

Watch this week: [SWPC](#) Sunspot region AR4473 still has potential for R1-R2 radio blackout events (30-35% chance per day). These cause brief HF radio degradation on the sunlit side of Earth and are minor. Ham radio operators: be aware but no action needed pre-emptively. NOAA Weather Radio: 22 transmitters are still out -- that is the more important comms issue for most households this week.

SUPPLY CHAIN - WHAT IT MEANS AT HOME

Gas pump: \$3.926 per gallon national average (AAA 23-JUN). Brent crude \$77.20 -- 3-month low. Prices have fallen nearly 20% from the conflict peak. Mine-clearing underway in Hormuz but full supply chain recovery is 9-12 months out. Prices will continue to ease gradually.

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 talks: a new dispute you should know about. VP Vance said publicly that Iran agreed to allow nuclear inspectors back in. Iranian officials publicly denied this the same day. Nobody has resolved the contradiction yet. This matters because without inspectors, the US cannot verify whether Iran has actually stopped enriching uranium. The talks are continuing this week in Switzerland. Watch for: news of inspectors actually returning to Iran (good sign), or a walkout (bad sign). Lebanon: US-hosted Israel-Lebanon ceasefire talks are happening today in Washington.

Active cybersecurity vulnerabilities -- cooperate with IT updates today: Three software security deadlines expired today (Chromium browser, Cisco network gear, Arista networking). Splunk -- a security monitoring tool used by many companies -- has a vulnerability that attackers are actively exploiting right now. If your employer asks you to update Chrome, reboot a network device, or apply a security patch today, do it immediately. Also: if you get an email claiming to be from IT asking for your password -- that is NOT legitimate, call IT directly to verify.

World Cup Day 14 -- no major incidents, but a new technical concern: Today's matches: Portugal in Houston (5pm ET), England in Boston (8pm ET), Panama in Toronto (11pm ET). Security remains high at all venues -- no major incidents have occurred this tournament. One note: a researcher found a security weakness in how FIFA manages its TV broadcast systems. The researcher reported it responsibly and it was not exploited. If you are attending: arrive early, know the exits, and report anything suspicious. The USA vs Turkey match is on Thursday night in Los Angeles.

Belfast Day 15 -- fragile calm, but watch for recurrence: Northern Ireland police (PSNI) are investigating an arson in north Belfast today. The police chief publicly called for calm this morning. The situation is much improved from the riots two weeks ago, but the underlying conditions have not changed -- there is a record number of hate incidents, and the organized groups that helped start the violence are still active. UK PM Keir Starmer resigned yesterday, starting a leadership transition. If you are traveling to the UK: calmer now, but check uk.usembassy.gov and avoid former riot areas.

[object Object]: 22 transmitters are out of service or degraded as of 23-JUN (down from 29 last cycle -- 7 restored). RESTORED: Illinois Lockport (Chicago south) is back. STILL OUT: Kansas Ulysses is out during today's severe weather, NC Statesville is out during today's storms, New Mexico triple-gap (Roswell/Artesia/Carlsbad) remains out. Full list: weather.gov/nwr/outages. WEA phone alerts on 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 talks at Burgenstock collapse -- look for an Iranian walkout, a major IDF strike in Lebanon Iran uses as justification to exit, or Trump announcing a breakdown. Brent would spike \$5-10/barrel within hours.
- VP Vance and Iran both said contradictory things about nuclear inspectors today. If Iran does NOT allow IAEA inspectors back in before August 17, there is no verified deal -- watch for whether inspectors actually enter Iran.
- [SPC](#)
 - issues a WATCH or WARNING for your area tonight or tomorrow -- an ENHANCED risk is in effect for eastern Colorado and southeast Wyoming tonight, with large hail and tornadoes possible.
 - An evacuation order or GO warning is issued near you in the West -- 31 large fires are burning, fire conditions are critical in Arizona and Utah today, and dry thunderstorms tonight could start new fires. Know your evacuation route now if you live in fire country.
 - New violence breaks out in Belfast or UK cities -- an arson was investigated today and the organized groups behind the original riots are still active. The UK's political leadership is also in transition after PM Starmer resigned yesterday.
 - Your employer's IT team declares an emergency, or you hear news of a major cyberattack on a utility, hospital, or fuel storage facility -- multiple software security deadlines expired today and fuel monitoring systems are actively being targeted.
 - The Ebola outbreak adds cases outside DRC and Uganda, or the weekly case count accelerates above 50 new confirmed cases in one day -- it already crossed 1,000 total this week (the second largest outbreak on record) and is still growing fast.

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

This report is produced under the [FFTP Analytical Standards](#) (ICD 203/206 compliant) using the [FFTP Master Source Registry](#). Condition scales: [WX-CON](#) and [SWX-CON](#). All sources are tiered by reliability and assigned confidence levels. Likelihood language follows the \$0.55 estimative ladder: almost no chance, very unlikely, unlikely, roughly even chance, likely, very likely, almost certain. Confidence: HIGH, MODERATE, or LOW.

REGISTRY	TOTAL SOURCES	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
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Full source list, methodology, and analytical framework: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/analytical-standards | fortunefavorstheprepared.com/source-registry

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