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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 23 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters out of service right now, and tonight brings an ENHANCED severe weather risk to northeastern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming -- very large hail (2-4 inches), wind gusts over 75 mph, and isolated tornadoes, with storms possibly not developing until after dark. If you are in that area, have a shelter location ready before sunset. Wildfire danger is at the highest national level (NPL 3): 31 large fires are burning with extreme conditions in Utah and Nevada. Fire weather is critical in western and central Utah today with dry thunderstorms possible, and a major weather trough arriving Friday-Saturday will bring widespread critical fire conditions across the West. Gas prices are \$3.93 per gallon nationally -- falling steadily -- but the Hormuz supply chain disruption will take 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 northeastern Colorado or southeastern Wyoming: shelter plans due before sunset.** The Storm Prediction Center has issued an ENHANCED risk for tonight -- very large hail (2-4 inches), winds over 75 mph, and tornado potential. Storms may develop after dark. Know your shelter before you go to bed. Day 2 (Thursday): Kansas, Oklahoma, and the Ozarks face an elevated tornado threat as LLJ strengthens. Utah and Wisconsin/N Illinois: SLIGHT risk today. WEA alerts on your phone are essential -- 23 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters are out of service. NC/Virginia: SLIGHT risk this afternoon.
- 2. Pump prices falling -- \$3.93/gal nationally and still declining.** Brent crude hit \$74.73 per barrel Wednesday -- the lowest since before the Iran conflict. The US-Iran MOU is now Day 8, and markets are pricing in Hormuz normalization. Iran chief negotiator said Hormuz "will be administered by Iran" and Iran is discussing transit fees with Oman -- forward risk -- but the main signal today is price relief. Keep a half-to-full tank as normal practice. The physical supply chain (mine-clearing, shipping ramp-up, port congestion) still needs 9-12 months to fully normalize. Trump announced a DOJ investigation into fuel price gouging by oil companies today.
- 3. UK and Northern Ireland: PM Starmer resigned, Belfast fragile calm.** UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer resigned Monday (22-JUN) after losing the confidence of his own party. Former Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham is expected to become the next PM by mid-July -- no major policy changes expected immediately. Belfast remains fragile: 25 people have been arrested over the riots, including 10 juveniles. A follow-on hate crime arson happened at a property in north Belfast on June 14. The situation is calmer than two weeks ago but the organized groups behind the violence are still active. July brings the marching season in Northern Ireland, which historically raises tensions. Traveling to the UK: Belfast is calmer, but check uk.usembassy.gov and avoid former protest areas.
- 4. PREP-CON 3 is in effect -- WEA on your phone right now.** PREP-CON 3 (Incident Probable) means multiple elevated conditions simultaneously: the Iran conflict (Day 117 of war) is in a fragile negotiation phase; Ebola is an active global health emergency with 1,000+ cases and no vaccine; 31 large wildfires are burning; severe weather is hitting tonight; and 23 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters are out of service. Your phone WEA alerts are your primary automated warning system. Also: a major weather trough arrives Friday-Saturday bringing critical fire conditions to the Intermountain West. If you live near a wildfire or in fire-prone terrain, review your evacuation route before Thursday evening. Water, food, first aid basics, and a charged phone with WEA on are the minimum household kit.
- 5. Medications: request 90-day fills. IT updates: cooperate immediately.** Supply chains are easing but pharmaceutical supply chains lag oil prices by months -- request 90-day fills for prescription medications now. Cyber: your IT team has a mandatory federal cybersecurity deadline on June 29 (Cisco SD-WAN network equipment). If your employer asks you to update network software or reboot network devices this week, do it immediately -- it is legitimate. A major active cyberattack is targeting the network management software that controls corporate branch office systems, and there is no fix other than upgrading.

THE SHORT VERSION

What's happening this week, in five sentences:

1. The UN nuclear watchdog said publicly today that nuclear inspectors WILL be going back into Iran under the peace deal -- the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said the deal text requires it, and described the public back-and-forth between the US and Iran as a "war of words" that does not change what the deal says.
2. Gas prices are \$3.93 per gallon nationally and Brent crude hit its lowest level since before the war -- but the Iran deal negotiator said on the way home that Iran will "administer" the Strait of Hormuz and Iran is in talks with Oman about charging ships to pass through, which could slow the recovery.
3. Severe weather is coming tonight to northeastern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming -- the Storm Prediction Center has issued an ENHANCED risk with very large hail, wind gusts over 75 mph, and tornadoes possible after dark; fire danger is at the highest national level with dry thunderstorms threatening Utah today and a major weather system arriving Friday-Saturday that will bring critical fire conditions across the Mountain West.
4. The Ebola outbreak in the Congo has now crossed 1,000 confirmed cases -- making it the second-largest outbreak in history -- with no approved vaccine or treatment and the weekly case count still growing; UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer resigned Monday after losing the confidence of his own party, and Andy Burnham, the former mayor of Manchester, is expected to replace him by mid-July.
5. Space weather is quiet today (the solar storm threat from last week has passed), 23 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters are out of service so your phone WEA alerts are your primary warning system, and the World Cup is on Day 15 with no security incidents -- Group stage matches continuing in Mexico City, Monterrey, Vancouver, Seattle, Miami, and Atlanta today.

TODAY'S IMPACTS AT A GLANCE

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

CATEGORY	WHAT'S HAPPENING	YOUR ACTION
GAS & FUEL	\$3.93/gal national avg (AAA 24-JUN, 6-week consecutive decline from \$4.56 peak). Brent \$74.73 (24-JUN, lowest since pre-war). Iran chief negotiator: Hormuz "will be administered by Iran" -- Oman-Iran transit fee discussions ongoing -- forward risk. Mine-clearing ongoing -- full normalization 9-12 months. Trump DOJ fuel price gouging probe announced 24-JUN.	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 (NE Colorado / SE Wyoming) -- very large hail 2-4 inch isolated, 75+ mph MCS gusts, tornadoes possible. Storms may develop after dark. SPC Day 1 SLIGHT: Utah outflow winds; Wisconsin/N Illinois hail/winds; Florida pulse storms; Southern Plains MCV. Day 2 SLIGHT: KS/OK/Ozarks evening tornado threat. Fire Wx CRITICAL: western and central Utah -- dry thunderstorms, pyrocumulus possible. FORWARD: Major trough Friday-Saturday -- widespread critical fire conditions 40+ mph gusts.	NE CO/SE WY: shelter plan in place BEFORE tonight; storms may develop after dark. Utah/WI/FL/S.Plains: SLIGHT risk afternoon-evening. Friday-Saturday: critical fire conditions across Intermountain West -- if you live near fire-prone terrain, review evacuation route before Thursday. WEA on phone.
NWR RADIO GAPS	23 transmitters OOS/DEGRADED (15 OOS / 8 DEGRADED, net +5 from prior). New this cycle: CA-Santa Ana (San Diego area), MA-Leyden, NC-Statesville, TX-Ozona, TX-Rio Grande City, AK-Point Pigot, NV-Owyhee DEGRADED. IN-Angola improved OOS to DEGRADED. Key gaps: KS-Ulysses OOS during today's active severe weather; NM triple-gap (Artesia/Roswell/Carlsbad all OOS) during active fire season; AK cluster (5 affected); IL-Hillsboro OOS; TN-Shelbyville OOS.	Turn WEA phone alerts on RIGHT NOW. KS Grant/Stanton/Haskell counties: NWR out during active severe weather today. NM residents: still zero primary NWR coverage. NC Statesville area: OOS today. Check weather.gov/nwr/outages for your county.
NORTHERN IRELAND / UK	Belfast Day 16 -- fragile calm. 25 arrests (10 juveniles, youngest 12); 17 charged; PSNI reviewing video footage for more. 14-JUN hate crime arson at Glenbank Place, Ballysillan (PSNI investigating). UK PM Starmer resigned 22-JUN -- Andy Burnham near-certain successor (nominations 9-16 JUL, new PM ~18-19 JUL). Britain's 7th PM in 10 years. Belfast July marching season (Twelfth of July) is next elevated tension window.	Traveling to UK/NI: Belfast calmer but avoid former protest areas, check uk.usembassy.gov . July marching season approaching -- elevated watch from early July.
SOLAR / COMMS	SWX-CON 1 NORMAL -- NSTR. No alerts or warnings as of 1343Z 24-JUN. All SWPC thresholds below action levels. GPS operating normally. No aurora. The prior electron flux event and the tracked CME from last week have both resolved. 23 NWR transmitters	No space weather action needed for most households. WEA phone alerts are the most important comms action -- 23 NWR

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	OOS/DEGRADED affecting emergency alert coverage -- that is the real comms gap this week.	transmitters are out and that is a meaningful gap, especially with severe weather tonight.
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	1,000+ confirmed cases DRC as of 22-JUN-2026 (CDC) -- 2nd largest Ebola outbreak on record. 254 deaths DRC, 2 Uganda. 17 healthcare workers dead, 75 infected. No approved vaccine or treatment for Bundibugyo strain. Contact tracing at 45% (requires 90%). CDC MMWR modeling: 10,000-20,000 cases possible in 3 months without major intervention. PHEIC Day 40. No US cases. US entry screening at IAD/ATL/IAH/JFK.	No US action required for most households. If you or family traveled to DRC or Uganda recently: watch for fever, fatigue, and body aches within 21 days -- call your doctor before visiting a medical facility.
OIL/FUEL SIGNAL	Brent \$74.73/bbl (24-JUN, lowest since pre-war). AAA pump \$3.93/gal -- 6-week consecutive decline from \$4.56 peak (21-MAY). Iran chief negotiator on return from Burgenstock: Hormuz "will be administered by Iran" and Oman-Iran transit fee discussions underway -- forward structural risk. Physical normalization 9-12 months. Trump announced DOJ fuel price gouging probe 24-JUN.	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: your pump price is falling; your grocery prices will not fall as fast.

WEATHER - WHERE IT MATTERS TODAY

REGION	HAZARD	WHAT TO DO
NE Colorado / SE Wyoming (TONIGHT)	SPC ENHANCED -- supercells, very large hail 2-4 inch isolated, 75+ mph MCS gusts, tornadoes possible after dark	Shelter plan in place NOW before dark. WEA alerts on. Move vehicles inside if possible. Know your shelter location.
Utah / Wisconsin / Florida / S. Plains (TODAY)	SPC SLIGHT -- Utah outflow winds; WI/N Illinois hail/damaging winds; Florida pulse storms; Southern Plains MCV	WEA alerts on. Monitor spc.noaa.gov. Afternoon-evening threat in most areas.
Kansas / Oklahoma / Ozarks (TOMORROW EVENING)	SPC DAY 2 SLIGHT -- elevated tornado threat as LLJ strengthens in evening hours; parallel storm motion along boundary could support locally greater tornado potential	Make shelter plans now for Thursday evening. WEA alerts on. Check spc.noaa.gov Thursday afternoon.
Western and Central Utah (TODAY)	SPC CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER -- high-based dry thunderstorms, critically dry fuels, pyrocumulus possible, strong outflow winds	No outdoor burning. Monitor NWS Salt Lake City. Dry thunderstorms can start fires with no rain reaching the ground. Report any new smoke immediately.
Intermountain West (FRIDAY-SATURDAY)	FORWARD CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER -- major trough bringing widespread 40+ mph SW gusts; any holdover ignitions from today could rapidly expand	Pre-position resources before Thursday evening. Review evacuation routes if you live in fire-prone terrain in UT/NV/AZ/OR/WA/CO. This is the key 48-72 hour fire weather risk.
New Mexico -- NWR Triple-Gap (ONGOING)	Active fire season + zero primary NWR coverage	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.

	(Artesia/Roswell/Carlsbad all OOS)	
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](#) Space weather is quiet today -- nothing to report. No alerts or warnings are active. The solar events from last week have fully resolved. All SWPC thresholds are below action levels as of 1343Z today.

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

Watch this week: [SWPC](#) No significant space weather concerns anticipated. NOAA Weather Radio: 23 transmitters are out -- that is the more important comms issue for most households this week.

SUPPLY CHAIN - WHAT IT MEANS AT HOME

Gas pump: \$3.93 per gallon national average (AAA 24-JUN) -- 6-week consecutive decline from the \$4.56 peak on May 21. Brent crude \$74.73 -- lowest since before the Iran conflict. Prices will continue to ease gradually. Trump announced a DOJ investigation into fuel price gouging by oil companies today. Iran's chief negotiator said the Strait of Hormuz will be "administered by Iran" and Iran is discussing transit fees with Oman -- this is a forward risk to normalization that is not yet affecting prices but is worth monitoring.

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 9-12 months to normalize per IATA/DHL. Expect delivery times for goods from Asia to remain longer than normal through at least Q3 2026. War-risk insurance on shipments remains elevated.

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

Iran talks: the nuclear watchdog said inspectors ARE going back in. The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said publicly today that nuclear inspectors WILL be going back into Iran -- the peace deal text requires it, and he said "this is going to happen." He called the back-and-forth between the US and Iran a "war of words" that does not change what the deal says. Iran has not responded publicly yet. This is important because without inspectors, we cannot verify whether Iran is actually not enriching uranium. Technical talks between US and Iran teams resume next week in Switzerland. Lebanon: the US is hosting Israel-Lebanon ceasefire talks through Thursday at the State Department.

IT security -- cooperate with network updates if asked: There is an active cyberattack targeting network management software used by companies and government agencies -- specifically a product called Cisco SD-WAN Manager. Your IT team has until June 29 to apply a patch to protect against it. If your employer asks you to reboot network equipment or apply a security update this week, do it immediately. For home users: make sure your home router firmware is up to date. 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 15 -- no security incidents, groups concluding today. Today's matches: Mexico City and Monterrey (Group A, 9pm ET), Vancouver and Seattle (Group B, 3pm ET), Miami and Atlanta (Group C, 6pm ET). Mexico has already qualified. Canada leads Group B unbeaten. No security incidents have occurred at any tournament venue. Security posture remains high: FBI-led command centers, 400+ law enforcement agencies, counter-drone coverage at all venues. The next elevated window is the July 4-5 weekend when World Cup

matches in Dallas, KC, Houston, Philadelphia, and New York coincide with Independence Day festivities. If you are attending: arrive early, know the exits, and report anything suspicious.

Belfast Day 16 -- fragile calm; UK PM resigned. Northern Ireland (Belfast): 25 people arrested over the riots, including 10 juveniles; police are reviewing video for more. A follow-on hate crime arson happened at a property in north Belfast on June 14. The situation is much improved from the riots two weeks ago, but the organized groups behind the violence are still active, and the July marching season is approaching -- traditionally a tense period in Northern Ireland. UK PM Keir Starmer resigned Monday after losing his party's confidence. Andy Burnham, the former Manchester mayor, is expected to replace him by mid-July. If traveling to the UK: calmer now, but check uk.usembassy.gov and avoid former riot areas.

[object Object]: 23 transmitters are out of service or degraded as of 24-JUN (up from 18 prior -- 4 restored, 10 new). RESTORED: Arkansas Fountain Hill, Colorado Springs, Oregon Coos Bay, Texas Brownsville. NEW OUT: California Santa Ana, Massachusetts Leyden, North Carolina Statesville, Texas Ozona, Texas Rio Grande City, Alaska Point Pigot, Nevada Owyhee degraded. KEY GAPS TODAY: Kansas Ulysses out during active severe weather; NM triple-gap (Roswell/Artesia/Carlsbad) out during fire season. 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.

- Lebanon 5th-round talks (State Dept, through Thursday) collapse or Iran invokes a Lebanese ceasefire violation -- Iran has tied Hormuz compliance to Lebanon, so a Lebanon failure could mean the Strait situation worsens. Brent would spike \$5-10/barrel within hours.
- IAEA nuclear inspectors actually enter Iran (very good sign) OR Iran formally refuses and the International Atomic Energy Agency publicly announces Iran is blocking access (very bad sign) -- the nuclear watchdog said today inspectors ARE coming, but Iran's public response matters.
- [SPC](#)
- issues a Tornado WARNING for your area tonight -- the ENHANCED risk covers northeastern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming, with storms possible after dark. Hail larger than a baseball (2.75 inches) or wind reports above 75 mph are also signals to take shelter immediately.
- An evacuation order is issued near you in Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, or Washington -- 31 large fires are burning, conditions are critical in western Utah today with dry thunderstorms possible, and a major trough Friday-Saturday will bring widespread dangerous fire conditions. Know your evacuation route now.
- New violence breaks out in Belfast -- the organized groups behind the original riots are still active, and the July marching season is approaching. UK PM Starmer resigned Monday and Britain is in a leadership transition, which can create additional uncertainty.
- Your employer's IT team declares an emergency involving network equipment or security monitoring systems -- there is an active attack campaign targeting network management software with a federal deadline in 5 days (June 29).
- The Ebola outbreak reaches a new country outside DRC and Uganda, or the weekly confirmed case count jumps above 200 in a single week -- the outbreak has now crossed 1,000 total cases (2nd largest ever) with contact tracing at only 45%, well below the 90% needed to contain it.

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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REGISTRY	TOTAL SOURCES	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
Master Source Registry v2.24	629	367	253	9 (use with caution)

ANALYTICAL STANDARDS

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Full source list, methodology, and analytical framework: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/analytical-standards | fortunefavorstheprepared.com/source-registry

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