DAILY PREPAREDNESS BRIEF

Household Edition -- Thursday, 5 November 2026

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⚠ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 -- BROWN SKY -- INCIDENT PROBABLE ⚠

Thursday, 5 November 2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY, HELD | WX-CON: stand-down | SWX-CON: stand-down

THE ONE THING TODAY

STAY OUT OF FLOODWATER AS RIVERS RECEDE

Flash floods overnight flooded homes in Copperhill and Ducktown, Tennessee and McCaysville and Blue Ridge, Georgia. Even after the rain stops, rivers can stay high and dams may release water. Never walk or drive into floodwater, and stay away from the Ocoee and Toccoa rivers until officials say it is safe.

IF YOUR HOME FLOODED: Do not go back in until officials say it is safe; turn off power at the breaker only if you are dry; take photos for insurance; and throw out food that touched floodwater.

SINCE OUR LAST BRIEF: heavy rain caused flash flood emergencies in north Georgia and southeast Tennessee; a tanker was hit by projectiles north of Qatar; and oil fell below $100 a barrel for the first time since September.

NO STORMS TODAY; HEAVY RAIN FRIDAY IN NEW ENGLAND

No severe storms are expected today. On Friday, 3 to 5 inches of rain could cause flooding in Rhode Island and eastern Massachusetts, eastern Connecticut and Long Island, and a few strong storms are possible in eastern North Carolina and southeast Virginia. Never drive through water over the road.

SCAM ALERT -- FAKE FLOOD RELIEF

After the floods in Georgia and Tennessee and earlier in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Mississippi and Florida, expect fake relief offers and fake contractors. Real FEMA help is free: never pay a fee or give a gift card or bank password, and apply only through disasterassistance.gov or your county.

WEATHER RADIO -- 18 STATIONS DOWN OR DEGRADED

18 transmitters are off the air or degraded across 11 states. Utqiagvik and Saint Paul Island, Alaska and Garfield, West Virginia are back on the air. None of the stations that are off the air is in a storm risk area today or Friday.

STATION	FREQUENCY	STATUS
Kotzebue, AK	162.550 MHz	Degraded
Nome, AK	162.550 MHz	Out of service
Baxley, GA	162.525 MHz	Out of service
Summerville, GA	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Kauai, HI	162.400 MHz	Out of service
Hillsboro, IL	162.425 MHz	Out of service
Shelbyville, IL	162.500 MHz	Out of service
Marion, IN	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Gem, KS	162.400 MHz	Out of service
Ulysses, KS	162.450 MHz	Out of service

Gunflint Lake, MN	162.525 MHz	Out of service
Waubun, MN	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Artesia, NM	162.425 MHz	Out of service
Carlsbad, NM	162.475 MHz	Out of service
Roswell, NM	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Owyhee, NV	162.450 MHz	Degraded
Albany, NY	162.550 MHz	Out of service
Shelbyville, TN	162.475 MHz	Out of service

FIRES -- QUIET NATIONWIDE

Fire activity is light nationwide, with no new large fires.

HEALTH -- EBOLA COUNT UNCHANGED

The CDC still counts 10,532 confirmed Ebola cases in Congo. Everyone flying to the US from another country must confirm they have not been in Congo in the past 21 days. There are still no US cases.

THE ELECTION -- AFTER THE VOTE

The count is going quietly. Michigan police have identified a suspect in the Election Day bomb threat at a Gibraltar high school, but no charges have been filed yet. No hacking of election systems has been reported. If you get a text or email about a "problem with your ballot," check directly with your county.

WHAT TODAY'S IRAN NEWS MEANS FOR YOU

There was no new US strike on Iran. A tanker was hit by two projectiles north of Qatar on Wednesday, and Iran's Revolutionary Guard claims more tankers caught fire after hitting mines, which no one else has confirmed. President Trump said the war hurt his party in the election but that he would do it again. There is no credible threat to US soil and no national terrorism advisory in effect.

Gas prices: Oil fell below $100 a barrel for the first time since September and is about $96. Regular is $4.10, down 2.4 cents in a day, and diesel is $6.26.

Travel: Saudi Arabia says it shot down a missile fired from Yemen toward the Medina region on Thursday. Air India has suspended Saudi flights to November 14, and nonessential US embassy staff remain ordered out. Check State Department advisories and your airline before any Middle East trip.

At home: For American families the Iran conflict still shows up mainly at the gas pump, not as a safety threat.

PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST -- TODAY'S PRIORITIES

NORTH GEORGIA AND SE TENNESSEE -- FLOOD RECOVERY

- ☐ Never drive or walk into floodwater; turn around
- ☐ Stay away from rivers below dams that are releasing water
- ☐ Photograph flood damage before you clean up
- ☐ Throw out food and medicine that touched floodwater
- ☐ Check on neighbors, especially older adults living alone

PHONES, COMPUTERS AND WEBSITES -- THIS WEEK

- ☐ Update iPhones, iPads and Macs to the latest version
- ☐ Update any WordPress site to 7.1.4 before Friday
- ☐ Ignore texts or emails about "problems with your ballot"; check with your county

GENERAL THURSDAY PREPAREDNESS

- ☐ Look up your local weather radio station in the table above
- ☐ New England: plan for heavy rain and flooded roads Friday
- ☐ Ham and HF operators: a minor geomagnetic storm is possible Friday night
- ☐ Election season: ignore texts or emails asking you to "verify" your voter registration

CONDITION SUMMARY

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY	Incident Probable, held. Tension overseas remains high, with no credible threat to US soil.
WX-CON -- Stand-Down	Lowered: no storm or flood risk today. Overnight flash floods hit north Georgia and southeast Tennessee; heavy rain is forecast for southeast New England on Friday.
SWX-CON -- Stand-Down	Quiet now; a minor (G1) geomagnetic storm is possible Friday night into Saturday.
COMCON 4 Increased Vigilance	18 weather radio transmitters are down or degraded across 11 states (table above); none is in a storm risk area.

RESOURCES

Emergency preparedness planning: fortunefavorstheprepared.com
Daily Threat Report (practitioner): fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr
National Hurricane Center: nhc.noaa.gov
Disaster assistance: disasterassistance.gov
Flood safety: weather.gov/safety/flood
NOAA Space Weather Center: swpc.noaa.gov
CDC Ebola updates: cdc.gov/ebola
American Red Cross disaster welfare: redcross.org

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Ready Ledger: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/product/ready-ledger/

Ready Trainer: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/product/sw-rt/

Both together (bundle): fortunefavorstheprepared.com/product/bn-rlrt/

New and free: Where to Start Being Prepared, our one-page beginner guide: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/pillars/

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