DAILY PREPAREDNESS BRIEF

Household Edition -- Thursday, 12 November 2026

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

Thursday, 12 November 2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY, HELD | WX-CON: 1 Marginal | SWX-CON: stand-down

THE ONE THING TODAY

PHILADELPHIA TO THE JERSEY SHORE: STRONG STORMS THIS AFTERNOON

A couple of strong storms could bring hail, gusty winds and a small chance of a tornado this afternoon in southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, eastern Maryland and southern and central New Jersey. Keep phone alerts on and know where you would shelter. Brief heavy downpours are possible from northeastern New Jersey into Staten Island and Brooklyn. The storms should weaken by evening.

IF YOU RUN A BUSINESS EMAIL SYSTEM: the federal deadline to patch exploited Barracuda email gateways is Friday; ask your IT provider to confirm the fix is in.

SINCE OUR LAST BRIEF: storms damaged roofs in Indiana, another ship was hit near the Strait of Hormuz, and gas fell again.

WEATHER -- MID-ATLANTIC STORMS TODAY

Wednesday's storms brought hail and roof damage in Indiana and downed trees in Kentucky. Today the risk moves to southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, eastern Maryland and New Jersey. No severe weather is expected Friday. Heavy rain is possible in East Texas and western Louisiana on Sunday.

SCAM ALERT -- FAKE FLOOD RELIEF

After the floods in Georgia, Tennessee and Texas, 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 -- 24 STATIONS DOWN OR DEGRADED

24 transmitters are still off the air or degraded across 13 states, no change since yesterday. The four North Texas stations and Monterville, West Virginia remain out; if you rely on them, use phone alerts and local media. None is near today's storm area.

STATION	FREQUENCY	STATUS
Kotzebue, AK	162.550 MHz	Degraded
Nome, AK	162.550 MHz	Out of service
Valdez, AK	162.550 MHz	Out of service
Baxley, GA	162.525 MHz	Out of service
Kauai, HI	162.400 MHz	Out of service
Hillsboro, IL	162.425 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
Tonopah, NV	162.400 MHz	Out of service
Albany, NY	162.550 MHz	Out of service
Shelbyville, TN	162.475 MHz	Out of service
Cumby, TX	162.500 MHz	Out of service
Del Rio, TX	162.400 MHz	Out of service
Milano, TX	162.525 MHz	Out of service
Palestine, TX	162.450 MHz	Out of service
Paris, TX	162.550 MHz	Out of service
Monterville, WV	162.525 MHz	Out of service

FIRES -- TWO NEW FIRES IN THE SOUTHEAST

Two new large fires were reported in Tennessee (north of Caryville, homes threatened) and Virginia; both are small and mostly contained. Fire activity is light elsewhere.

HEALTH -- EBOLA PASSES 11,000 CASES

Congo's government now counts 11,042 confirmed Ebola cases and 5,387 deaths. There are still no US cases.

GAS PRICES -- STILL FALLING

The national average for regular gas is $3.91, down 3 cents since yesterday and 19 cents in a week. Diesel is $6.10.

WHAT TODAY'S IRAN NEWS MEANS FOR YOU

Another ship was hit near the Strait of Hormuz on Wednesday, and Iran says two more tankers are on fire. Iran's leaders say the strait will not go back to how it was before the war. President Trump says the US has won and the Navy blockade stays. Iran has threatened the Treasury Secretary, who has moved to a military base; there is no credible threat to the public on US soil.

Gas prices: Oil slipped to about $92 a barrel. Regular is $3.91 and diesel $6.10.

Travel: Saudi Arabia shot down missiles and drones aimed at Riyadh and the Mecca region on Wednesday and Thursday. Air India has suspended Saudi flights to November 14. Check State Department advisories 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

PENNSYLVANIA, DELAWARE, MARYLAND, NEW JERSEY -- THIS AFTERNOON

- ☐ Tie down or bring in patio furniture, trash cans and decorations
- ☐ Keep phone weather alerts on and know your tornado shelter spot
- ☐ Charge phones and flashlights in case the power goes out
- ☐ Indiana and Kentucky: photograph storm damage before you clean up
- ☐ Check on neighbors, especially older adults living alone

PHONES, COMPUTERS AND WEBSITES -- THIS WEEK

☐ Small businesses: confirm Barracuda email gateways are patched (deadline Friday); IT staff: update OpenSSH on Alpine Linux
☐ Update Chrome, Microsoft Office and Apple devices to the latest version

GENERAL THURSDAY PREPAREDNESS

☐ Check that your weather radio still receives a station
☐ Ham and HF operators: expect short daytime fadeouts from solar flares
☐ 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 1 -- Marginal	Held: a couple of strong storms this afternoon in SE Pennsylvania, Delaware, eastern Maryland and New Jersey.
SWX-CON -- Stand-Down	Quiet; no storm is expected through Saturday.
COMCON 4 Increased Vigilance	24 weather radio transmitters are down or degraded across 13 states (table above); none is near today's storm 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/
Our specialty reports are back on schedule, with more returning in November: fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr/