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Flash Flooding Activity Florida

- A stormy period for the southeastern United States continued on Wednesday, as a flash flooding emergency was issued for the Fort Lauderdale, Florida, area due to torrential rainfall that drenched the region for hours.
- The flash flood emergency was issued by the National Weather Service Wednesday through the late-evening hours for Fort Lauderdale, as well as areas near Hollywood and Dania Beach. A flash flood warning was in effect earlier Wednesday throughout Broward County.
- Numerous vehicles were seen submerged in water near the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, which was closed Wednesday afternoon, and a local fire station was forced to evacuate as over a foot of water poured into the station.
- Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue stated Wednesday evening that due to the "severe flooding in multiple areas of the city," residents should stay off of roads and "remain home unless absolutely necessary." Flooding on Interstate 95 was evident early in the afternoon hours.
- Over the past 48 hours, Fort Lauderdale received 25.95 inches of rainfall, with nearby Dania Beach recording 21.42 inches. Other locations such as Hollywood, Plantation and South Miami received at least 9 inches of rain.

Severe Weather & Flood Outlook

 A strengthening storm spinning over the northern Gulf of Mexico will fall short of becoming a tropical system, but AccuWeather meteorologists maintain that heavy rain, gusty winds and severe thunderstorms, some with tornadoes, will impact the southeastern United States through the end of the week.



INCREDIBLE SOUTH FLORIDA RAINFALI

TOTAL

19.69"

LOCATION

Fort Lauderdale

Dania Beach

Tangelo Isle

- Rain, thunderstorms and winds were gathering over the northern and eastern Gulf of Mexico Wednesday in response to a southward dip in the jet stream that has broken off from the main part of the river of air high in the atmosphere.
- The rain can be heavy enough to lead to some flooding problems, mainly in urban areas from Florida, westward to southeastern Louisiana and northward to the Carolinas as the storm moves along.
- "From near Miami to perhaps as far north as West Palm Beach, Florida, is one of those spots that could have some issues with localized flooding," AccuWeather Chief On-Air Meteorologist Bernie Rayno said. "Another stretch that may have urban flooding issues extends from New Orleans to Tallahassee, Florida, into Thursday."



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- "The combination of the heavy rain and strengthening winds into Friday with an already wet soil could bring trees down and lead to localized power outages and property damage," AccuWeather Meteorologist Mary Gilbert said.
- Rain with embedded thunderstorms will overspread the Atlanta area later Thursday and may linger into Friday night.
- "Strong to severe thunderstorms cannot be ruled out on Thursday for portions of Alabama, Georgia and Florida," Gilbert said. "Brief tornadoes and/or waterspouts are also not out of the question."

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments							
State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End			
		Requested	Completed	Start-Eriu			
GA	Severe Storms Mar 24-25	2	2	4/4-4/12			
AL	Severe Storms Mar 24-25	5	0	TBD			

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request							
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes			
WV	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides (Appeal)	1/27/2023	Pending	2 Counties			
IN	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes & Flooding	4/6/2023	Pending	3 Counties			

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters							
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline			
4671 PR	Hurricane Fiona	78 Municipalities	202	11/21/2022			
4673 FL	Hurricane Ian	26 Counties	193	1/12/2023			
4697 MS	Severe Storms & Tornadoes	6 Counties	13	5/25/2023			
4701 TN	Severe Storms & Tornadoes	10 Counties	4	6/6/2023			



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