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Potential for major coastal flooding increases

MARATHON, FL (Oct. 26, 2026) – The National Weather Service on Monday, Oct. 26, said the potential for major coastal flooding continues to increase for the Florida Keys this week.

Prolonged strong, northeasterly winds across Florida and offshore the Southeastern United States through the middle of this week, combined with the recent full moon phase King Tide cycle, will increase water levels to well above tide prediction charts, according to agency's daily briefing.

Middle and Lower Keys residents should plan for water levels to potentially reach 4 to 6 inches higher by Tuesday night than what was experience late Sunday evening/pre-dawn Monday morning, according to the briefing.

With Coastal Flood Warnings continuing for the Upper Keys, moderate saltwater flooding over the Middle and Lower Keys is likely to escalate to major coastal flooding by Wednesday night and continue through at least Thursday night.

NWS Key West briefings are schedule for the remainder of the week and will be issued daily at 9:30 a.m.

To read the NWS Key West briefing in its entirety, visit https://www.weather.gov/media/key/DSS/dssbrief_land.pdf.

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