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Photo provided by Monroe County Sheriff's Office

Flooding is seen along Card Sound Road on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

Major coastal flooding continues throughout Keys

MARATHON, FL (Oct. 28, 2026) – The National Weather Service on Wednesday, Oct. 28, said Coastal Flood Warnings remain in effect for the entire Florida Keys.

Prolonged strong, northeasterly winds across Florida and offshore the Southeastern United States earlier this week, combined with the recent full moon phase spring tide cycle and approaching lunar perigee – the closest distance between the Earth and the moon – on Wednesday night, will maintain high water levels throughout the end of the week, according to agency's latest daily briefing.

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Streets where King Tide flooding is normally observed each autumn are likely to become impassable to smaller vehicles. Low-elevation residences and businesses where access and parking are frequently impacted by annual King Tide flooding may experience water intrusion and several inches of flooding.

Continuation of periodic major saltwater flooding of low elevation streets, parking lots, yards, and the overtopping of docks will likely occur during the next few tide cycles.

Middle and Lower Keys residents should plan for higher-than-usual water levels during tide cycles through early Friday morning before levels slowly decrease toward the weekend, according to the briefing.

Motorists are strongly encouraged to avoid driving through standing water whenever possible and, if available, seek alternate routes, Monroe County spokeswoman Kristen Livengood said in a news release.

The floodwater is saltwater, which can damage vehicles, particularly their electrical and mechanical components. If you must drive through standing water, Livengood said, proceed slowly to minimize wake that could push saltwater into nearby yards, homes, and businesses.

For additional information on saltwater flooding in the Florida Keys, visit https://www.weather.gov/key/coastal_flooding.

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

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