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Flood waters subside a bit Thursday, Oct. 29, on 92 Street, oceanside, in Marathon.

Major coastal flooding continues throughout Florida Keys

MARATHON, FL (Oct. 29, 2026) – The National Weather Service on Thursday, Oct. 29, said Coastal Flood Warnings remain in effect for the entire Florida Keys through at least Friday, Oct. 30, as high tides are from 2 to 3 feet above normal, and saltwater flooding threatens property and impacts travel.

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Prolonged strong, north-northeasterly winds off the Atlantic shores of Florida and the Southeastern United States earlier this week, combined with the recent full moon phase spring tide cycle and with additional effects from the lunar perigee – the closest distance between the Earth and the moon in the lunar orbit – on Wednesday night, have combined to maintain unusually high water levels throughout the end of the week, according to agency's latest daily briefing.

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, according to NWS.

Middle and Lower Keys residents should plan for higher-than-usual water levels during tide cycles through early Friday morning.

While peak overnight high tides will begin to lower at least 2 or 3 inches each late night/predawn hours beginning Friday night, the afternoon second published/predicted high tide will gradually rise approaching the quarter-moon phase. This will likely continue the temporary mid-to-late afternoon flooding observed in the Middle and Lower, repeating through the upcoming weekend.

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

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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