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Flooding continues along 92nd Street in Marathon on Thursday, Oct. 29.

Coastal flooding likely to continue into next week

MARATHON, FL (Oct. 30, 2026) – The National Weather Service on Friday, Oct. 30, said Coastal Flood Warnings remain in effect for the entire Florida Keys, with minor to moderate coastal flooding likely to persist into next week.

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Moderate to major coastal flooding is expected overnight and into Saturday morning, although Halloween trick-or-treating should only be minimally affected because of tide cycles.

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 a slow decrease in water levels, although while peak overnight high tides will begin to lower at least 1 or 2 inches each late night/predawn hours, the afternoon second published/predicted high tide will gradually rise approaching the quarter-moon phase. This will likely continue the mid-to-late afternoon flooding observed in the Middle and Lower repeating through the weekend.

There is a threat of locally heavy downpours with showers and a chance of thunderstorms Sunday and Sunday night. The combination of the high king tides with any downpours, especially late Sunday night into early Monday morning, could combine to produce local areas of higher flood impacts.

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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