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Downpours, high tides add to coastal flooding concerns

MARATHON, FL (Nov. 2, 2026) – The National Weather Service on Monday, Nov. 2, said the potential for rainfall flooding continues with heavy downpours near the times of high tide, causing further flooding, especially in areas impacted by king tides.

Rain chances were expected to decrease late Monday through Tuesday, with a dry weather pattern in place later this week, according to the agency's latest daily briefing.

Coastal Flood Advisories remained in effect for the entire Florida Keys on Monday, with minor to moderate coastal flooding likely to repeat at the high tides through Tuesday morning.

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.

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.

With the approach of the new moon phase on Nov. 9, forecasted tides are likely to increase King Tide season water levels and coastal flooding toward the end of next week.

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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