



Flood Watch Friday with a Few Strong Storms | More Potential Flooding Rain on Sunday

KEY POINTS

- Flood Watch Friday morning-afternoon for Maricopa and western Pinal Counties and Friday afternoon-evening for Gila County. Periods of showers and scattered thunderstorms with localized moderate to heavy rainfall. Localized amounts of 1-2" could result in minor flooding.
- A few strong to possibly severe storms will be possible Friday across south-central Arizona.
- A second stronger and wetter weather system will move through Saturday night and Sunday bringing widespread light to moderate rainfall for a longer period of time. An additional 1-1.5" of rain is expected in Phoenix to 2-3" north and east of Phoenix. This will pose at least a Moderate Flood Risk.

CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS BRIEFING

- Issued a Flood Watch on Friday for South-central AZ
- Added a Moderate Risk of Thunderstorms on Friday

WEATHER RISK OUTLOOK

Risk levels incorporate potential impacts from weather hazards and likelihood of occurrence for a reasonable worse case scenario.

	Thu 10/29	Fri 10/30	Sat 10/31	Sun 11/1	Mon 11/2	Tue 11/3	Wed 11/4
Phoenix Metro Including Maricopa and NW Pinal Counties	Heat	Flooding Thunderstorms	Scattered Showers	Flooding			
Higher Terrain SC AZ S. Gila County and Tonto NF Foothills in NE Maricopa County		Flooding Thunderstorms	Scattered Showers	Flooding	Isolated Showers		
Southwest AZ Including La Paz and Yuma Counties	Heat	Heat Scattered Showers	Isolated Showers	Rain			
Southeast CA Including Imperial and Eastern Riverside Counties	Heat	Heat	Isolated Showers	Rain			
Joshua Tree National Park			Isolated Showers	Rain			

Risk Levels

Little to None

Minor

Moderate

Major

Extreme

DETAILS

Phoenix Metro



Flooding

Impacts:

Water flowing in normally dry washes, flood channels, and low water crossings. Moderate to heavy rain leading to minor nuisance flooding.

Timing:

Friday and Sunday

Confidence:

Moderate

Details:**Flood Watch Friday morning and afternoon**

- Friday: Forecast average rainfall 0.50-0.80". Localized amounts 1-2".
- Sunday: Forecast average rainfall 1.00-1.75". Localized amounts 2-2.5" favoring northern and eastern portions of Phoenix.



Thunderstorms

Impacts:

Hail, strong winds, heavy rainfall, and lightning

Timing:

Friday

Confidence:

Moderate

Details:

- Scattered thunderstorms Friday morning and afternoon with a few strong to severe storms mainly in the afternoon.



Heat

Impacts:

Low Risk for heat-related illnesses for those extremely sensitive to heat, especially those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration.

Timing:

Today

Confidence:

High

Details:

- Near normal temperatures

High Terrain SC AZ



Flooding

Impacts:

Water flowing in normally dry washes, flood channels, and low water crossings. Moderate to heavy rain leading to localized flooding.

Timing:

Friday and Sunday

Confidence:

Moderate

Details:**Flood Watch Friday afternoon and evening**

- Friday: Forecast average rainfall 0.40-0.75". Localized amounts 1-2".
- Sunday: Forecast average rainfall 2.0-2.5". Localized amounts 3-4".



Thunderstorms

Impacts:

Hail, strong winds, heavy rainfall, and lightning

Timing:

Friday afternoon-early evening

Confidence:

Low to Moderate

Details:

- Scattered thunderstorms Friday afternoon and early evening with a couple strong to severe storms possible.

Southwest Arizona	
Rain	Impacts: Water flowing in normally dry washes, flood channels, and low water crossings. Timing: Mainly Sunday Confidence: Low
	Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periods of rain, (moderate at times) on Sunday. Localized rainfall amounts as high as 0.75-1.00" in La Paz County.
 Heat	Impacts: Low Risk for heat-related illnesses for those extremely sensitive to heat, especially those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration. Timing: Minor Risk through Friday Confidence: High
	Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near normal temperatures

Southeast California	
Rain	Impacts: Water flowing in normally dry washes, flood channels, and low water crossings. Timing: Sunday Confidence: Low
	Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periods of rain, (moderate at times) on Sunday. Localized rainfall amounts as high as 0.50-0.75".
 Heat	Impacts: Low Risk for heat-related illnesses for those extremely sensitive to heat, especially those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration. Timing: Minor Risk through Friday Confidence: High
	Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near normal temperatures

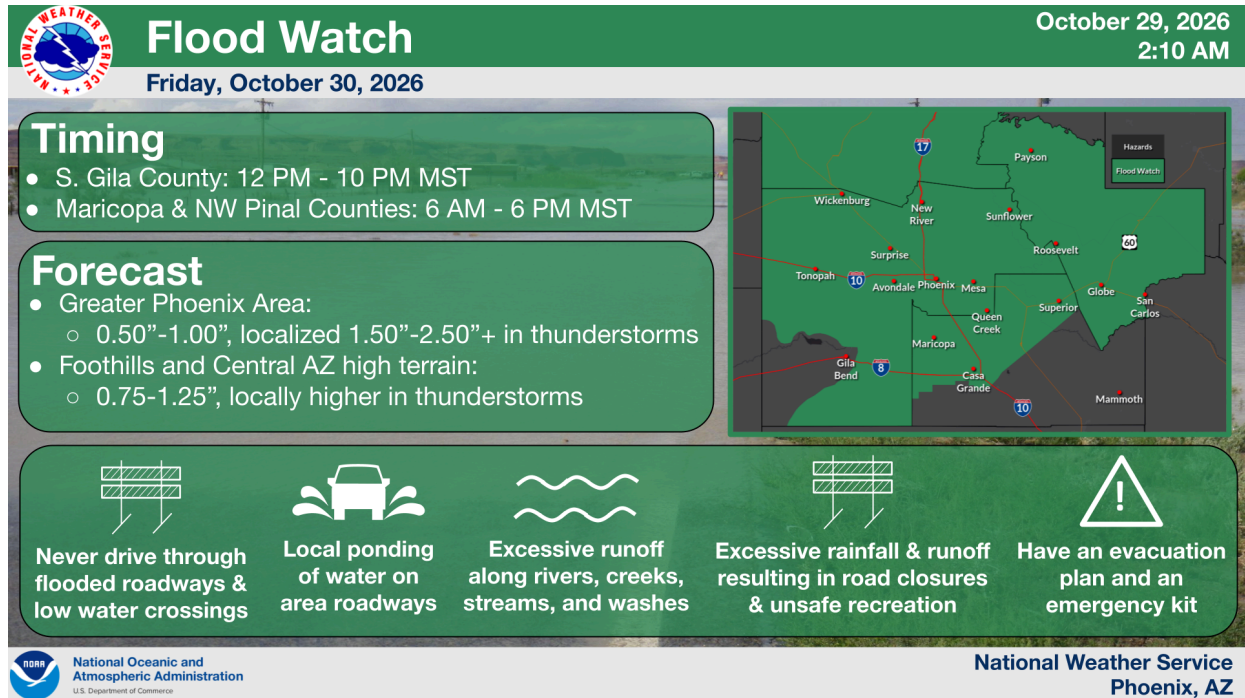
Joshua Tree NP	
Rain	Impacts: Water flowing in normally dry washes, flood channels, and low water crossings. Timing: Sunday Confidence: Low
	Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periods of rain, (moderate at times) on Sunday. Localized rainfall amounts as high as 0.50-0.75".

FOR MORE INFORMATION

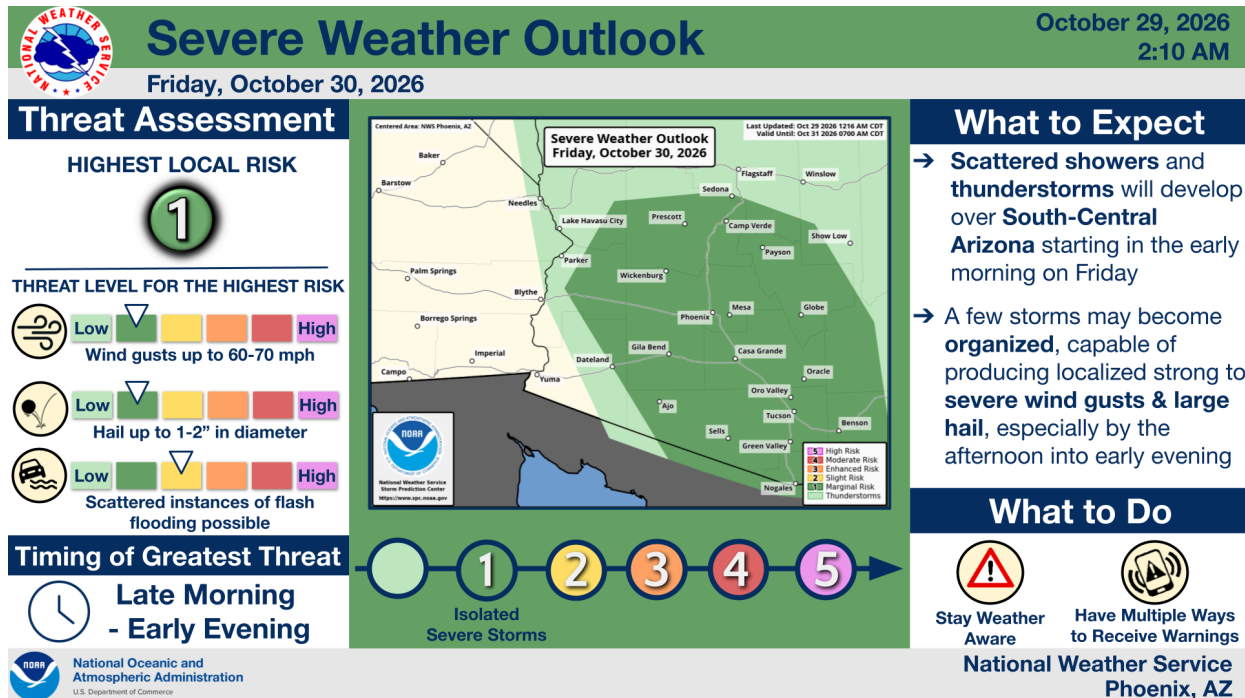
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GRAPHICS



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Excessive Rainfall Outlook

October 29, 2026
2:10 AM

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Impacts



Heavy rain leading to flash flooding



Ponding water, roadway flooding, & longer than normal commutes



Flooding on small creeks & normally dry washes



Do not drive through flooded roads & low water crossings

What to Do



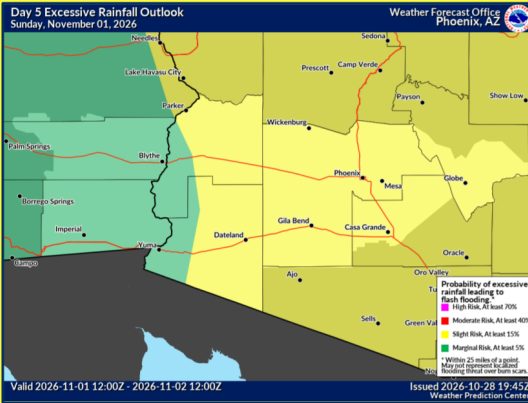
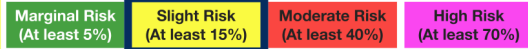
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Probability of excessive rainfall leading to rapid onset flooding.

What to Expect

- Widespread showers with some embedded T-storms move into the region Saturday night and continue through Sunday
- Storms will take advantage of abundant of moisture (275-325% of normal)
- Longer duration rain event where rainfall amounts could add up quickly, especially with areas of moderate to heavy rainfall

Rainfall Forecast

SE CA: **0.25- 0.75"**
AZ lower deserts: **0.50-1.50"**
AZ High Terrain: **2.00-3.00"**
Reasonable High End (25%):
SE CA: **0.75-1.50"+**
AZ lower deserts: **1.50-3.00"+**
AZ High Terrain: **3.00-4.00"+**

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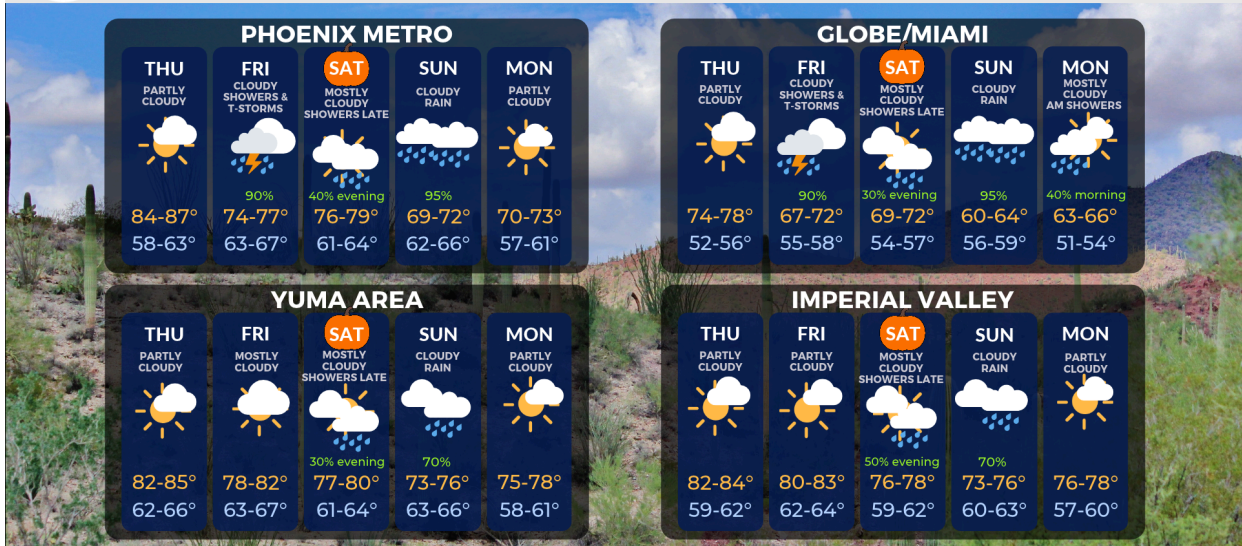
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Weather Outlook

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Periods of rain this weekend



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