

WAJD WEATHER WATCH

U.S. Flash-Flood Threat: Heavy Rain & Dangerous Runoff

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Current threat areas

The National Weather Service reports that widespread showers and thunderstorms may produce isolated flash flooding across the Ozarks and Southeast through Friday. Scattered severe storms and heavy rain are also expected across the Northwest U.S., raising concern for urban flooding, poor-drainage areas, and low-water crossings.

Main areas to watch	Ozarks, Southeast, Southeast Florida, Washington, Oregon, and parts of northern California.
Risk level	The WPC lists a Marginal Risk of excessive rainfall for May 28, May 29, and May 30.
Local concerns	Urban streets, small streams, low-water crossings, and poor-drainage locations may flood quickly.
Why it matters	Wet ground and slow-moving storms can trigger dangerous runoff in a short time.
Timing	Greatest concern is today into Friday, with additional risk continuing into the weekend.

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Where the Flood Risk Is Growing

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Today's main concerns

Forecasters say the flood threat continues across the Ozarks and Southeast through Friday, while heavy rain and thunderstorms also affect the Northwest. In Southeast Florida, repeated downpours from the West Palm Beach to Miami corridor could bring localized totals of 3 inches or more in a short period.

Northwest and mountain concerns

Parts of Washington, Oregon, and far northern California may see localized flash flooding, especially in urban areas, low-lying locations, and small-stream basins. Burn-scar terrain and mountain drainage areas can be especially vulnerable when heavy rain develops quickly.

Next 48 to 72 hours

The Weather Prediction Center keeps a Marginal Risk of excessive rainfall in place beyond today. Day 2 highlights parts of the northern Rockies and much of the Southeast into the Middle Mississippi Valley. Day 3 continues the risk from the northern Rockies into the High Plains and across parts of the Southeast, especially wetter terrain from western South Carolina into the Appalachians, plus northeast Alabama and southeast Tennessee.



Flash-flood safety

- Turn Around, Don't Drown — never drive through flooded roads
- Move to higher ground quickly if water starts rising
- Watch for flooded creeks, low-water crossings, and drainage ditches
- Monitor local alerts and warnings through the day and evening

Flood conditions can change rapidly as storms shift and repeat over the same areas.