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- A beautiful weekend with pleasant and warm conditions is expected in the Sunshine State.
- High pressure in the region will result in mostly sunny skies and dry conditions for much of the weekend, though a disturbance passing just to our north on Saturday could bring a few showers to portions of the Panhandle.
- Under sunny skies, temperatures will rise each day and be comfortably warm in the upper 60s to low 70s for a majority of the state on Friday, though Southeast Florida areas may rise into the mid 70s during the afternoon.
- For Saturday through Monday, Peninsula areas and portions of the eastern Big Bend will range between the mid 70s to near 80 degrees, with much of Northwest Florida in the low 70s each day.
- Overnight temperatures will also be quite mild through the weekend with lows on Friday night in the upper 40s to low 50s across Northeast Florida and the Big Bend, and mid 50s to mid 60s for the Florida Peninsula along and south of I-4, as well as the Florida Panhandle.
- Lows on Saturday and Sunday night will be even warmer, where lows will only drop to the low 50s to low 60s across a majority of the state, though Southeast Florida areas and the Florida Keys may be warmer in the mid and upper 60s.
- These temperatures combined with light winds, mostly clear skies and increasing humidity will allow for the development of patchy to locally dense fog across portions of the state each night.
- If you'll be out on the road in the morning, use caution and remember to practice driving safety by keeping extra space between you and other vehicles and avoid driving distractions such as mobile phones and music devices. You can always dial *511 for highway road closures.

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- Our next cold front is forecast to move into the state on Monday and Tuesday, but rainfall chances look to be low or non-existent as the tail end of the front weakens as it moves through the region.
- With low rainfall chances through the next 5 days, all Floridians will want to practice fire safety this weekend when outside. Make sure you are Firewise by keeping an eye on all open flames, especially for any bonfires or yard waste burning. Also, take some time during the weekend to remove any dead vegetation from around the house and in gutter troughs along the roofline.
- Enjoy your weekend and as always, for daily updates on the weather forecast for your area and to learn more about wildfire safety, go to www.FloridaDisaster.org and click on the Division's homepage.

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