



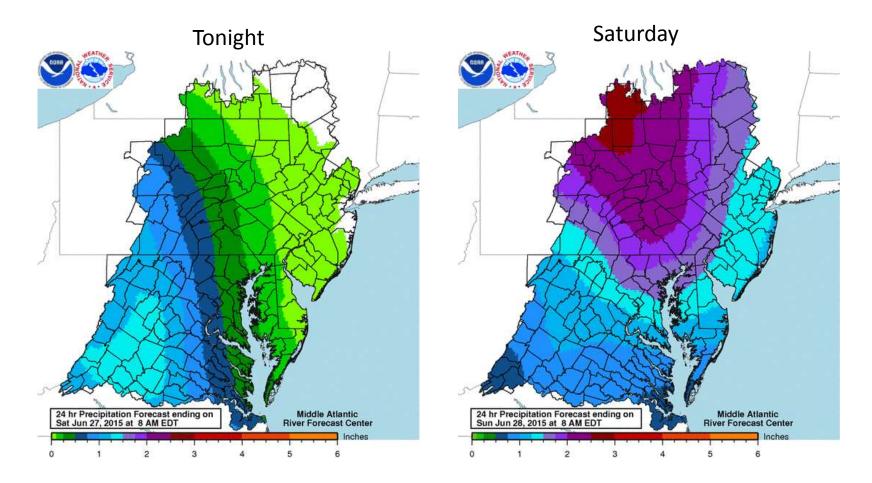
NOAA, National Weather Service Middle Atlantic River Forecast Center Briefing



Key Messages

- Risk of minor to moderate river flooding beginning Saturday afternoon and continuing through Sunday for portions of the Susquehanna River basin and the Potomac River basin.
- Flash Flooding of creeks and streams possible beginning Friday night and continuing through Saturday night.
- Very Heavy Rainfall of 3-6 inches possible in some areas of the Susquehanna and Potomac River basin, with at least 2 inches expected in most areas.
- Moderate confidence in this river forecast given the good agreement amongst weather models on the general location and amount of predicted rainfall. However, we do not know exactly where the very heavy rainfall will fall and therefore we do not know which rivers and streams will experience the worst flooding.
- Next forecast updates will be at 4PM and 10PM.

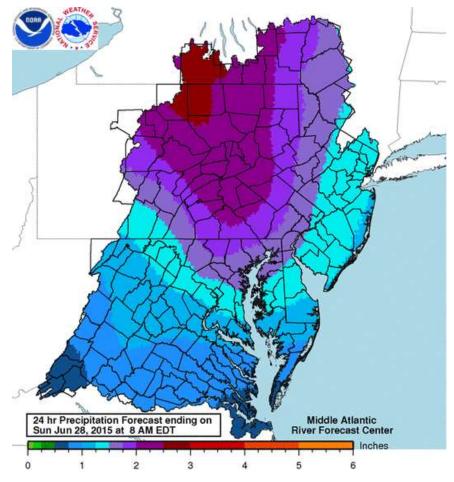
Rainfall Timing



Rainfall Timing: Rain will overspread the Mid-Atlantic region from southwest to northeast tonight. Heaviest rain is expected between 2AM Saturday and 2AM Sunday.

Rainfall Totals

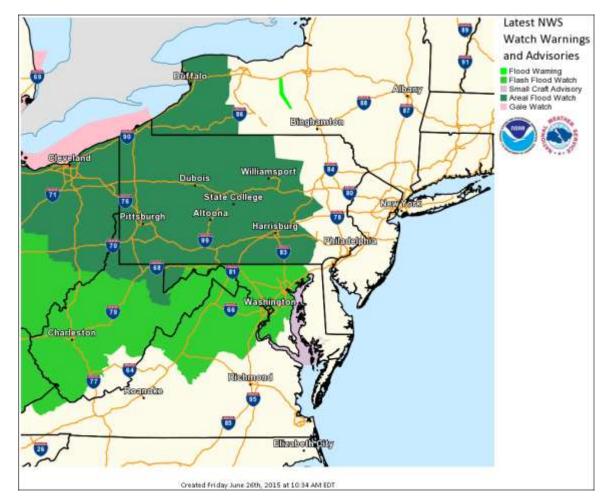
- Widespread rainfall greater than 2 inches expected.
- Very heavy rainfall of 3-6 inches possible in some areas. This rainfall is not shown because we do not know exactly where the very heavy rainfall will fall.
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72 Hour Total Rainfall

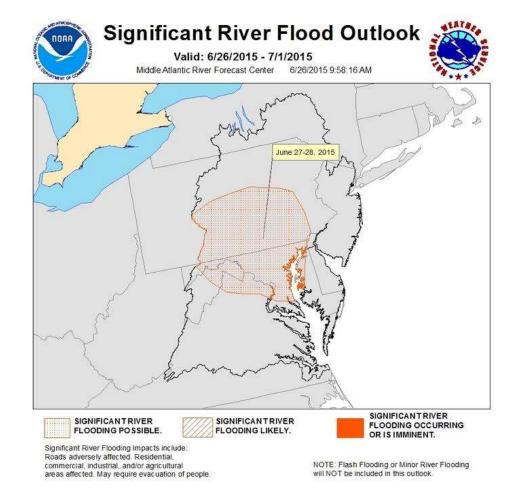
Streams and Creeks

- Flood Watches have been issued due to the high risk of Flash Flooding/Areal Flooding on streams and creeks.
- Timing: Risk is from 2AM Saturday until 2AM Sunday.
- Preparedness Actions:
 - If you live or work near a stream or creek, stay tuned for possible warnings
 - Do not camp or let children play near streams and creeks.
 - Do not cross flooded roads. Turn around, don't drown!



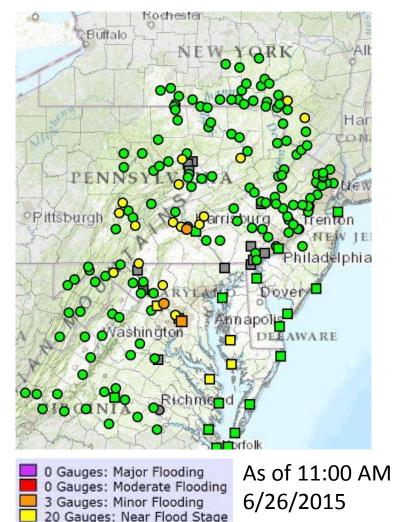
River Flood Outlook

- Moderate River Flooding is possible across portions of the Juniata, Lower Susquehanna, and Potomac River basins.
- The risk of moderate or major flooding is limited primarily to tributary rivers and streams.
- Significant flooding is not expected on the main stem Susquehanna river or Potomac river



River Forecasts

- Friday morning river forecasts shown here indicate minor flooding at several locations and numerous locations rising to near flood stage.
- River forecasts are expected to change. The possibility exists for moderate flooding at some locations.
- Because rainfall has not fallen yet, these forecasts should be monitored frequently for updates if you live, work, or travel near a river.
- Next forecast updates will be at 4PM and 10PM today.
- For the latest river forecasts for your location go to our web page at: www.weather.gov/marfc



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Need more info?

- Contact your local NWS Weather Forecast Office
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Next MARFC Briefing

 The next MARFC briefing will be issued at 5PM today.