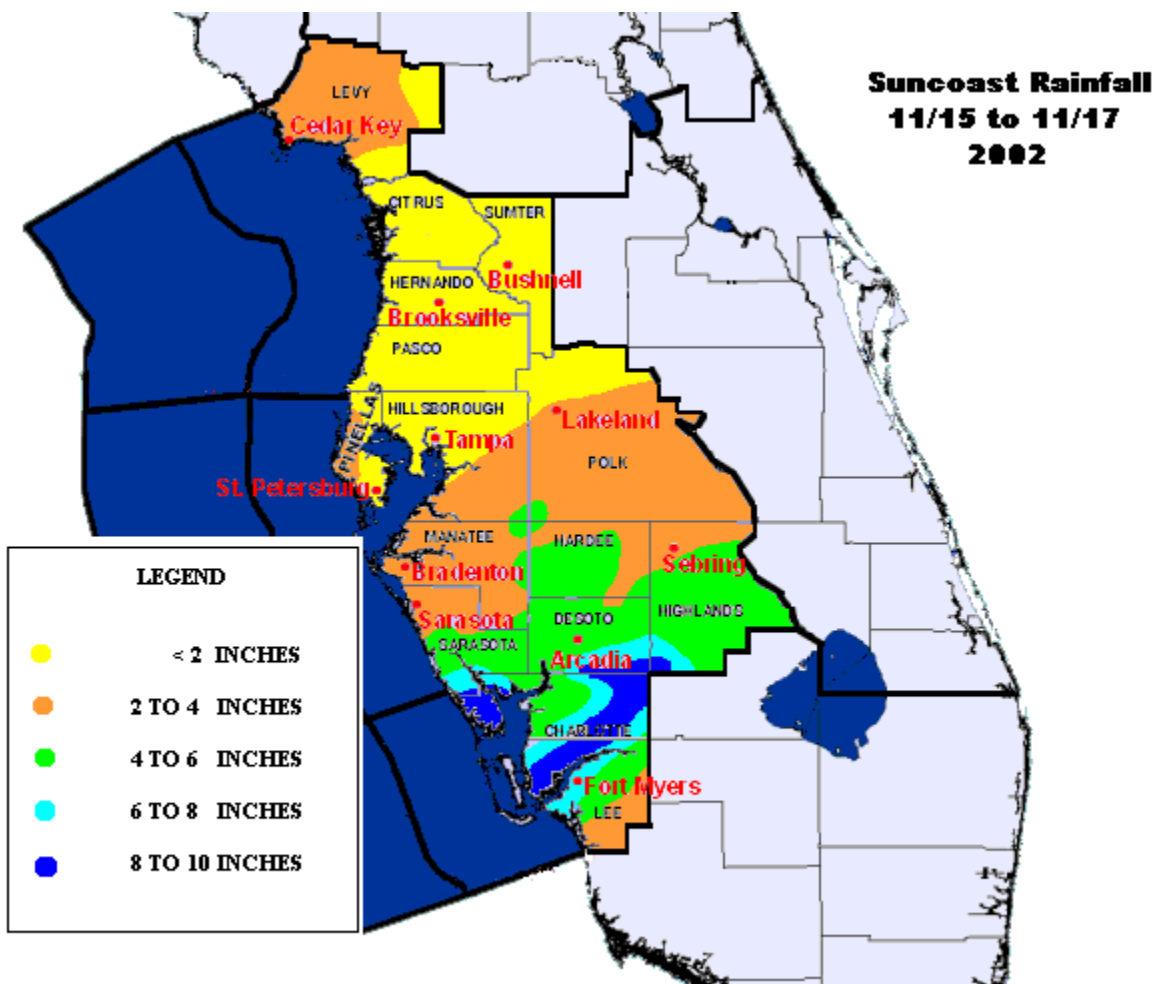


# November 15-17 2002 Rainfall Map

The image shows estimated rainfall for the weekend of November 15-17, 2002, across West Central and Southwest Florida.



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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAMPA BAY AREA - RUSKIN FL  
510 PM EST MON NOV 18 2002

...TORRENTIAL RAINS AND SOME FLOODING ACROSS PORTIONS OF WEST  
CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA OVER THE WEEKEND...

A SLOW MOVING STORM SYSTEM TRANSPORTED ABUNDANT TROPICAL MOISTURE  
ACROSS THE FLORIDA PENINSULA DURING THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 16  
AND 17...WHICH PRODUCED COPIOUS RAINFALL...AS WELL AS LOCAL  
FLOODING...TO PORTIONS OF WEST AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ON SATURDAY.

PRELIMINARY DATA SHOWED FLOODING WAS REPORTED IN PORTIONS OF LEE...

CHARLOTTE...AND SARASOTA COUNTIES. THOUGH THE FLOODING WAS MINOR...  
 ONE SMALL RIVER AND SOME CREEKS SURPASSED BANKFUL IN LEE COUNTY...AND  
 WATER WAS REPORTED IN SEVERAL HOMES IN ENGLEWOOD IN SARASOTA COUNTY.

IN A SWATH EXTENDING FROM THE LEE COUNTY ISLANDS THROUGH NORTH FORT  
 MYERS...TO JUST EAST OF PUNTA GORDA...THROUGH HARDEE...HIGHLANDS...  
 DESOTO...AND SOUTHERN POLK COUNTIES...5 TO 8 INCHES OF RAIN FELL...  
 WITH LOCALLY HIGHER AMOUNTS PERHAPS AS HIGH AS 10 INCHES.

ELSEWHERE SOUTH OF TAMPA BAY...RAINFALL WAS GENERALLY 2 TO 4 INCHES.  
 ACROSS TAMPA BAY AND ALONG THE NORTH SUNCOAST...RAINFALL RANGED FROM  
 1 TO 2 INCHES WITH LOCALLY 3 INCHES IN LEVY COUNTY.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY AND UNOFFICIAL STORM TOTALS FOR  
 SELECTED LOCATIONS IN WEST CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA:

OBSERVING SITE	COUNTY	STORM TOTAL
...AIRPORTS...		
FORT MYERS/PAGE FIELD	LEE	5.17
PUNTA GORDA/CHARLOTTE CO	CHARLOTTE	5.09
SARASOTA-BRADENTON INTL	MANATEE	3.54
FORT MYERS/SW FLORIDA INTL	LEE	3.52
LAKELAND LINDER	POLK	2.06
WINTER HAVEN/GILBERT FIELD	POLK	2.44
TAMPA INTL	HILLSBOROUGH	1.59
ST PETE/CLEARWATER INTL	PINELLAS	1.50
ST PETE/ALBERT WHITTED	PINELLAS	0.95
...OTHERS...		
FORT OGDEN 14 E	DESOTO	8.39
ENGLEWOOD 3 SSE	CHARLOTTE	8.12
POINT LONESOME	CHARLOTTE	7.09
FORT OGDEN	DESOTO	6.81
PUNTA GORDA 8 NE	CHARLOTTE	5.38
NORTH PORT	SARASOTA	5.13
MYAKKA CITY/BIG SLOUGH CANAL	MANATEE	4.80
NOCATEE	DESOTO	4.78
SARASOTA 16 SE	SARASOTA	4.66
GARDNER 2 N	HARDEE	4.62
WAUCHULA 9 SW	HARDEE	4.55
ARCHBOLD	HIGHLANDS	4.38
LAKE WALES	POLK	4.12
VENICE	SARASOTA	4.07
BONITA SPRINGS	LEE	3.53
DUETTE	MANATEE	3.48
AVON PARK 2 W	HIGHLANDS	3.46
FORT MEADE	POLK	3.42
MYAKKA STATE PARK	MANATEE	3.37
VENICE 11 NE	SARASOTA	3.31
BOWLING GREEN	HARDEE	3.24
CHIEFLAND 5 SE	LEVY	3.15
WEST BRADENTON	MANATEE	3.15
FROSTPROOF	POLK	3.03
RUSKIN/NWS	HILLSBOROUGH	3.01
WIMAUMA	HILLSBOROUGH	3.00
OLGA (CALOOSAHATCHEE RVR)	LEE	2.97
WILLISTON	LEVY	2.60
BARTOW	POLK	2.30
LARGO	PINELLAS	2.14
PLANT CITY	HILLSBOROUGH	1.88

CLEARWATER	PINELLAS	1.81
BRANDON	HILLSBOROUGH	1.77
LAND O LAKES	PASCO	1.71
TRILBY/WITHLACOOCHEE RVR	HERNANDO	1.69
CHASSAHOWITZKA	CITRUS	1.66
TARPON SPRINGS	PINELLAS	1.58
ST LEO	PASCO	1.54
CRYSTAL RIVER 4 S	CITRUS	1.34
GOWERS CORNER 2 NW	PASCO	1.33
MASARYKTOWN 5 W	HERNANDO	1.28
DADE CITY 10 E (GREEN SWAMP)	SUMTER	1.23
INVERNESS 3 SE	CITRUS	1.00
COLEMAN 2 W	SUMTER	0.95
BUSHNELL	SUMTER	0.86
WILDWOOD	SUMTER	0.63

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