



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **Water Shortage Compliance Workshops Coming to Palm Beach County, Treasure Coast**

*SFWMD staff to review water use restrictions with local enforcement officials*

**WHAT:** In an effort to ensure compliance with water use restrictions in Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will host two water shortage compliance workshops next week for local government officials. The District recently held similar workshops in Okeechobee and Miami-Dade counties.

The workshops are designed to assist code and utility enforcement officers, law enforcement agencies and city, county and state attorneys with their roles in promoting and enforcing landscape irrigation water use restrictions. By statute, the enforcement assistance of all local governments is requested whenever the District declares a water shortage.

Workshop topics will include an overview of the water shortage order approved by the SFWMD Governing Board in September 2008, along with a review of the current restrictions, reporting requirements and violation forms and procedures.

With no significant rain forecast for the final day of April, the 2008-2009 South Florida dry season ranks as the driest since recordkeeping began in 1932. Water levels throughout the 16-county region are declining as evaporation rates increase with longer, hotter days. Persistent dry

conditions are forecast to continue through the remainder of the dry season.

The ongoing water shortage underscores the need for continued conservation to assist in maintaining the water supply. Ensuring residents and businesses follow landscape watering restrictions is critical to the effort.

More information about limits by area is available on the District's [water restrictions](#) Web site. For water saving tips, visit [www.savewaterfl.com](http://www.savewaterfl.com).

**WHEN and WHERE:**

<b>PALM BEACH</b>	<b>MARTIN/ST. LUCIE</b>
Tuesday, May 5, 2009	Thursday, May 7, 2009
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	10 a.m. - noon
SFWMD Headquarters Storch Room 3301 Gun Club Road West Palm Beach, FL 33406	SFWMD Martin/St. Lucie Service Center 780 S.E. Indian Street Stuart, FL 34997

**WHO:** SFWMD water managers and enforcement staff will direct the workshop and will remain on hand, along with attending local government officials, for media interview and photo opportunities.

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**About the South Florida Water Management District – [Celebrating 60 Years \(1949-2009\)](#)**  
*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state’s five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*