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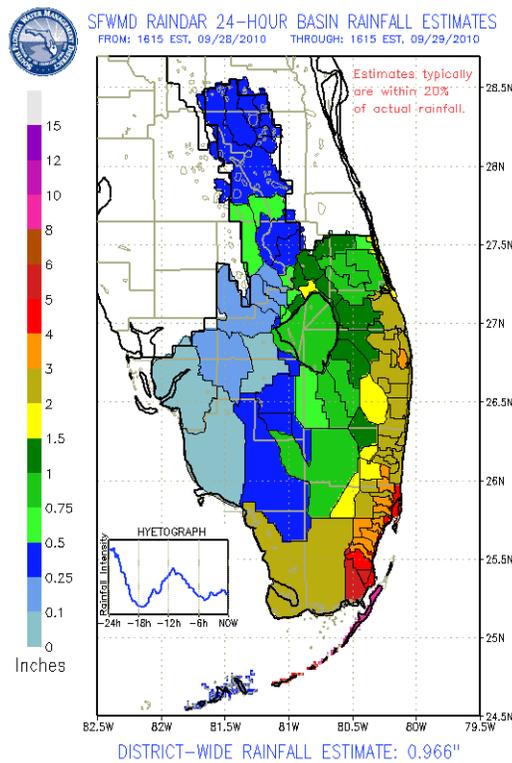
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Tropical Weather Fades from South Florida; SFWMD Moving Water Regional flood control system operating at full strength with no reported problems

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West Palm Beach, FL — Tropical Storm Nicole left the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) with an average of about 0.966 inches of rainfall across 16 counties in the last 24 hours that ended at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday. Some of the heaviest rainfall was concentrated in Miami-Dade and Broward counties, parts of which

received up to 5.5 inches. Residents may see standing water and some roadway flooding in those areas.

The District continues moving water through the regional flood control system after implementing procedures before the storm to maximize storage for stormwater runoff and reduce potential flooding.

“The regional flood control system and the District staff who operate the 2,600 miles of canals and levees responded extremely well to this rainfall event,” said SFWMD Deputy Executive Director of Operations and Maintenance Tommy Strowd. “Thorough emergency planning, including a hurricane exercise earlier this year that mimicked these very conditions, allowed us to minimize potential impacts on residents.”

District meteorologists forecast rain from Tropical Storm Nicole to end by midnight, followed by two days of dry weather. The District has moved into recovery mode, with staff members in the field checking water control structures.

4:30 p.m. Basin Rainfall Snapshot

- **C-111 (Miami-Dade):** Average = 3.37 inches; Local Max = 5.51 inches
- **C-9 (Southern Broward):** Average = 1.38 inches; Local Max = 1.72 inches

All water control structures across the District continue to operate to manage runoff associated with this rainfall event.

Since the 2010 rainy season began on June 1, the 16-county District has received an average of 26.34 inches of rainfall, which is 2.64 inches below normal.

During the preceding dry season, the District successfully performed essential maintenance and upgrade work on the regional flood control system. During the last five years, the District has invested \$240 million to help ensure the system of 2,600 miles of canals and levees operates at optimal capacity and provides effective flood control for South Florida’s 7.5 million residents.

The annual rainy season lasts from June through October, when South Florida receives about 70 percent of its annual average of 52 inches of rainfall. Flooding may happen when large amounts of rain occur during a short period of time or from a single heavy storm, tropical system or hurricane. Forecasters have called for above normal tropical activity during the current storm season.

This year, the District enhanced its rainy season preparations by launching a new [webpage](#) with information on the shared responsibilities of flood control in South Florida and what residents, businesses and local governments can do to prepare for a storm.

For weather and emergency management updates from the District, follow the agency's Twitter feed: [@SFWMD](https://twitter.com/SFWMD).

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About the South Florida Water Management District

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.