

# WATER WATCH

*Keeping an Eye on Water Resources*

## District-Wide Conditions for July 18, 2014

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is issuing the following briefing:

Wet season rains have continued to fill South Florida's aquifers, lakes, canals and conservation areas in the past seven days. An estimated 2.1 inches average of rainfall fell across 16 counties, with a focus on areas around and west of Lake Okeechobee.

Early July through mid-August is a typically hotter and often drier period of the wet season. An unusual mid-July weather pattern, however, has helped prolong the typically heavier rainfall that marks the beginning of the wet season into this drier period.

Water Levels in Key Locations (July 18)		
Location	Today's level	Water Supply Floor
WCA-1	16.26 feet	14.00 feet
WCA-2A	12.18 feet	10.50 feet
WCA-3A	9.30 feet	7.50 feet

### Water Conservation

- South Florida is under the District's Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule that limits residential and business landscape irrigation to two or three days per week.
  - To determine watering days and times in your area, contact your local government or visit [www.sfwmd.gov/2days](http://www.sfwmd.gov/2days).
- Permitted water users such as nurseries, agriculture, golf courses and utilities can find water use conditions in their permits online at [www.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting](http://www.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting).
- For tips and information about water conservation, visit [www.savewaterfl.com](http://www.savewaterfl.com).

### Lake Okeechobee Operations

- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages Lake Okeechobee water levels based on its regulation schedule and the best available science and data provided by its staff and a variety of partners, including SFWMD.
  - SFWMD makes an operational recommendation each week based on conditions. The most recent Operational Position Statement is available at [www.sfwmd.gov/opsreports](http://www.sfwmd.gov/opsreports).

Lake Okeechobee Levels	
Today (July 18)	13.58 feet
Historical Average for Today	13.62 feet
This Date One Year Ago	15.15 feet

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