

# 2013 WATER WATCH

*Keeping an Eye on Water Resources*

## District-Wide Conditions for December 17, 2013

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

After heavy rainfall at the start of December along South Florida's east coast, the 16-county area has been experiencing below-average rainfall during the past two weeks. Water levels across the region are declining in the midst of the dry season, but the water supply at this time remains adequate.

The District continues to operate the water management system to maximize water storage for the remainder of the dry season.

Water Levels in Key Locations (December 17)		
Location	Today's level	Target for this date
East Lake Tohopekaliga	57.01 feet	58.00 feet
WCA-2	12.53 feet	11.75 feet
WCA-3	10.14 feet	10.50 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 (Dec. 17)	14.42 feet
Historical Average for Today	14.72 feet
This Date One Year Ago	15.17 feet

### Navigation

- Information on navigational locks can be found at [www.sfwmd.gov/recreation](http://www.sfwmd.gov/recreation).

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