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### **SFWMD to Host Water Shortage Compliance Workshop for Local Enforcement Officials**

*Water conservation remains critical to securing a reliable public water supply*

**WHAT:** In an effort to ensure compliance with water use restrictions, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will host a water shortage compliance workshop for local government officials.

The workshop is 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, restrictions on specific use classes, violation forms and procedures, printed support materials provided by the District and reporting requirements.

Through the end of March, the 2008-2009 South Florida dry season is the third driest on record dating back to 1932. Water levels in the 16-county District are declining, and persistent dry conditions are forecast to continue through the remainder of the dry season. Dry conditions and the ongoing water shortage underscore 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:** Thursday, April 30, 2009

**TIME:** 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** SFWMD Miami Field Station  
9001 N.W. 58th Street  
Doral, FL 33178

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