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Broward, Keys Service Centers Holding Water Shortage Compliance Workshops

SFWMD staff to review landscape irrigation restrictions with enforcement officials

WHAT: In an effort to ensure compliance with emergency water use restrictions in Broward County and also the Florida Keys, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will host two water shortage compliance workshops in the coming days for local government officials. The District recently held similar workshops in Okeechobee, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Martin 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 emergency water shortage actions, along with a review of the current restrictions, reporting requirements and violation forms and procedures.

The period from November 2008 through April 2009 ranks as the driest six-month period in South Florida history based on records dating back to 1932. A majority of the 16-county District remains under two-day-a-week landscape watering restrictions. As water levels continue to decline, SFWMD Executive Director Carol Ann Wehle has signed a series of

emergency orders to create more stringent water use restrictions in specific areas of the District that warrant additional resource protection, including [the Florida Keys](#).

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

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

WHEN and WHERE:

FLORIDA KEYS	BROWARD
Wednesday, May 13, 2009	Tuesday, May 19, 2009
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - noon
Marathon Government Center 2798 Overseas Highway Marathon, FL 33050	Broward County West Regional Library 8601 W. Broward Blvd. Plantation, FL 33324

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.