



**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**SFWMD Offering Training for Prospective Florida Water Star Certifiers**  
*Free two-day program is the first step toward becoming a certifier*



**WHAT:** The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is hosting its third free training session for prospective Florida Water Star residential certifiers. The two-day workshop will feature an overview of the water conservation program's three residential tiers – Gold, Silver and Bronze – along with hands-on field training in the Florida Water Star inspection process. A testing session will be offered immediately following the training on Friday, February 25, for participants who wish to attempt the Florida Water Star Residential Certifier exam.

Created by the St. Johns River Water Management District and now being implemented in both South and Southwest Florida, Florida Water Star is a points-based certification program encouraging water savings in homes by recognizing the use of water-efficient household appliances, plumbing fixtures, irrigation systems and landscapes.

The workshop is the first step toward becoming a Florida Water Star residential certifier. During the training session, prospective certifiers will learn about:

- The program criteria
- The role and responsibilities of the certifier
- The process for completing certifier training, including testing

For more details on the free training session, click [here](#). Complete details on the Florida Water Star certification process are available at [www.floridawaterstar.com](http://www.floridawaterstar.com).

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 24, and Friday, February 25

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** SFWMD Lower West Coast Service Center  
2301 McGregor Boulevard  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

**WHO:** Attendees should have a basic knowledge of irrigation systems, landscape design and/or plumbing and indoor water use and be familiar with other certification programs. Certifiers in other programs, such as LEED or ENERGY STAR, may find this training especially useful and could soon be offering water use evaluations and Florida Water Star certifications as a value-added benefit to their customers.

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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.*