

2013 WATER WATCH

Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for January 14, 2013

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

As the dry season continues, the District is averaging about half of its normal rainfall for this time of year. Since the beginning of November, the District is averaging 2.61 inches of rain, which is below the normal of 5 inches. However, water levels remain adequate for this time of year as cooler temperatures minimize evaporation rates.

Year-round water conservation is key to reducing demand on freshwater sources. The District is storing as much water as possible and maintaining canals at seasonally appropriate levels.

For more information:

- [SFWMD Weather/Rainfall Data](#)
- [National Weather Service Dry Season Forecast](#)
- [Climate Prediction Center Precipitation Forecast](#)

Lake Okeechobee Levels

Today	14.98 feet
Historical Average for Today	14.71 feet
This Date One Year Ago	13.50 feet
One Month Ago	15.17 feet
One Week Ago	14.95 feet

Water Levels in Key Locations

LOCATION	CURRENT WATER LEVEL	ONE MONTH AGO	HISTORICAL AVERAGE FOR TODAY
Lake Istokpoga	39.46 feet	39.47 feet	39.11 feet
WCA-1	16.63 feet	16.77 feet	16.08 feet
WCA-2	12.36 feet	12.65 feet	12.22 feet
WCA-3	10.16 feet	10.58 feet	9.85 feet
Lake Kissimmee	50.85 feet	51.27 feet	50.88 feet

For a map of dry season rainfall totals in all District basins, [click here](#).

Other Actions

Navigation

- All Kissimmee River navigation locks are available for boat traffic.
- The S-193 Lock, located on Taylor Creek on the north shore of Lake Okeechobee, is closed due to ongoing renovation work to refurbish the lock and ensure continued reliable service.

Water Conservation Measures

- 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 based on location.
 - To determine watering days and times in your area, contact your local government or visit www.sfwmd.gov/2days.
 - The City of Lake Worth now allows lawn watering up to three days per week, consistent with most of Palm Beach County.
- Permitted water users such as nurseries, agriculture, golf courses and utilities should continue following the water use conditions in their permits.
 - Permit details can be found in the Application/Permit records search online at www.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting.
- For information about water conservation, visit www.savewaterfl.com.

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