

2012 WATER WATCH

Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for January 30, 2012

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

Rainfall levels are far below average for the first three months of the dry season across the District's 16-county region. Since November, the region is averaging less than two inches of rain, or 30 percent of normal rainfall. However, cooler temperatures and low evapotranspiration rates have allowed most water supplies to remain within acceptable levels for this time of year.

A drier-than-normal dry season is expected to continue with the effects of the La Niña weather pattern, indicating a potential return to water shortage conditions in the spring. As a result, the region remains under a water shortage warning.

Lake Okeechobee Levels

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| Today | 13.31 feet |
| Historical Average for Today | 14.67 feet |
| This Date One Year Ago | 12.48 feet |
| One Month Ago | 13.68 feet |
| One Week Ago | 13.38 feet |

Water Levels in Key Locations (as of January 30, 2012)

| LOCATION | WATER LEVEL | ONE WEEK AGO | HISTORICAL AVERAGE FOR TODAY |
|---|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Lake Istokpoga | 39.27 feet | 39.27 feet | 39.07 feet |
| WCA-1 | 16.22 feet | 16.29 feet | 16.03 feet |
| WCA-2 | 11.96 feet | 12.15 feet | 12.04 feet |
| WCA-3 | 9.99 feet | 10.09 feet | 9.74 feet |
| Lake Kissimmee | 51.14 feet | 51.24 feet | 50.66 feet |
| For a map of dry season rainfall totals since Nov. 1 in all District basins, click here . | | | |

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.
 - Some city and county governments have adopted local ordinances that differ from the District rule and may further limit landscape irrigation. To determine watering

days and times in your area, contact your local government or visit www.sfwmd.gov/2days.

- Note: Customers of the West Palm Beach and Lake Worth utilities remain under local orders that limit landscape irrigation to one day per week.
- Permitted water users such as nurseries, agriculture, golf courses and utilities are required to continue following the water use conditions in their permits.
 - Copies of water use permits can be found in the Application/Permit records search online at www.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting.
- For information about water conservation, visit www.savewaterfl.com.
- Information about current weather and water conditions can be found at www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch.

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