

2013 WATER WATCH

Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for February 18, 2013

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

In the midst of a below-average dry season, the District experienced a recent boost in rainfall. During a 3-month stretch from the beginning of November through the beginning of February, the District received a total of 2.74 inches of rain. In the past week, an average of 1.62 inches of rain fell across the District. 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	14.45 feet
Historical Average for Today	14.57 feet
This Date One Year Ago	13.12 feet
One Month Ago	14.94 feet
One Week Ago	14.38 feet

Water Levels in Key Locations

LOCATION	CURRENT WATER LEVEL	ONE MONTH AGO	HISTORICAL AVERAGE FOR TODAY
Lake Istokpoga	39.38 feet	39.56 feet	39.01 feet
WCA-1	16.54 feet	16.62 feet	15.80 feet
WCA-2	11.41 feet	12.25 feet	11.34 feet
WCA-3	9.78 feet	10.12 feet	9.60 feet
Lake Kissimmee	50.40 feet	51.05 feet	50.42 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.
- 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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