

# 2012 WATER WATCH

*Keeping an Eye on Water Resources*

## District-Wide Conditions for February 27, 2012

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

The region remains in a below-average dry season that included the driest January on record in the District. Water supplies remain at adequate levels, but this is the time of year when increases in temperature and evapotranspiration rates begin to reduce water resources at a faster pace.

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 coming weeks. As a result, the region remains under a water shortage warning.

### Lake Okeechobee Levels

<b>Today</b>	<b>13.00</b> feet
<b>Historical Average for Today</b>	<b>14.53</b> feet
<b>This Date One Year Ago</b>	<b>12.18</b> feet
<b>One Month Ago</b>	<b>13.34</b> feet
<b>One Week Ago</b>	<b>13.11</b> feet

### Water Levels in Key Locations (as of February 27, 2012)

LOCATION	WATER LEVEL	ONE WEEK AGO	HISTORICAL AVERAGE FOR TODAY
Lake Istokpoga	39.05 feet	39.20 feet	38.95 feet
WCA-1	16.09 feet	16.25 feet	15.66 feet
WCA-2	11.43 feet	11.64 feet	11.32 feet
WCA-3	9.85 feet	9.96 feet	9.51 feet
Lake Kissimmee	50.38 feet	50.61 feet	50.27 feet

### 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](http://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](http://www.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting).
- For information about water conservation, visit [www.savewaterfl.com](http://www.savewaterfl.com).
- Information about current weather and water conditions can be found at [www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch](http://www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch).

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