

# 2012 WATER WATCH

*Keeping an Eye on Water Resources*

## District-Wide Conditions for June 18, 2012

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

In response to an early start to the wet season and replenished water supplies, the District's Governing Board on June 14 rescinded the Water Shortage Warning order that had been in place since November 2011. This is the first time since November 2010 that the District is not under a warning or water shortage conditions.

As a result of improved water conditions, the District will issue monthly Water Watch reports. More frequent briefings will resume as conditions warrant.

With the onset of heavy wet season rainfall, the District continues to move water to minimize the risk of flooding. June is "Flood Awareness Month," and residents are encouraged to be informed on ways to reduce the risk of flooding.

For more information on rainy season preparation and other water updates, visit:

- [Flood and Rainy Season Readiness](#)
- [SFWMD Weather/Rainfall Data](#)
- [Climate Prediction Center Precipitation Forecast](#)

### Lake Okeechobee Levels

<b>Today</b>	<b>11.83</b> feet
<b>Historical Average for Today</b>	<b>13.19</b> feet
<b>This Date One Year Ago</b>	<b>9.64</b> feet
<b>One Month Ago</b>	<b>11.71</b> feet
<b>One Week Ago</b>	<b>11.86</b> feet

### Water Levels in Key Locations

LOCATION	WATER LEVEL	ONE WEEK AGO	HISTORICAL AVERAGE FOR TODAY
Lake Istokpoga	38.06 feet	38.30 feet	37.89 feet
WCA-1	15.63 feet	15.75 feet	14.87 feet
WCA-2	11.79 feet	11.13 feet	11.16 feet
WCA-3	9.99 feet	10.04 feet	9.08 feet
Lake Kissimmee	49.21 feet	48.80 feet	49.36 feet
For a map of recent rainfall totals since Feb. 1 in all District basins, <a href="#">click here</a> .			

## 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).
  - The City of West Palm Beach is no longer under an emergency order limiting landscape irrigation. Customers of the city's utility are to follow the District's Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule, which allows watering up to three days 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).

## Other Actions

### Lake Okeechobee releases

- Consistent with Lake Okeechobee Adaptive Protocols, the District recommended that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers initiate another 10-day environmental water supply release to the Caloosahatchee River from Lake Okeechobee. That release is under way.

### Navigation

- The following locks on the north shore of Lake Okeechobee will remain closed until lake levels increase above 12 feet NGVD:
  - S-135 at J&S Fish Camp in Martin County
  - G-36 at Henry Creek in Okeechobee County
  - S-127 at Buckhead Ridge in Glades County
  - S-131 at Lakeport in Glades County
- 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 decades of reliable service.

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