

2012 WATER WATCH

Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for July 16, 2012

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

Most of the 16-county region is experiencing an average wet season. As a result, many of the region's groundwater and surface water supplies have been replenished and some areas, such as Miami-Dade County, experienced heavy localized rainfall this month.

It takes time for all water supplies to experience a boost from the summer increase in rainfall. Lake Okeechobee remains below average for this time of year, while the southwest part of the region is currently seeing below-average rainfall.

The District continues to monitor water levels and operate the system to capture as much water as possible while maintaining flood control. For more information on the rainy season and other water updates, visit:

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

Lake Okeechobee Levels

Today	11.96 feet
Historical Average for Today	13.61 feet
This Date One Year Ago	10.05 feet
One Month Ago	11.87 feet
One Week Ago	12.01 feet

Water Levels in Key Locations

LOCATION	WATER LEVEL	ONE WEEK AGO	HISTORICAL AVERAGE FOR TODAY
Lake Istokpoga	38.22 feet	38.20 feet	38.13 feet
WCA-1	15.72 feet	15.69 feet	15.41 feet
WCA-2	12.15 feet	12.26 feet	12.47 feet
WCA-3	10.42 feet	10.24 feet	9.78 feet
Lake Kissimmee	50.26 feet	50.21 feet	49.96 feet

For a map of recent rainfall totals since Feb. 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.
 - 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.
- For information about water conservation, visit www.savewaterfl.com.
- Information about current weather and water conditions can be found at www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch.

Other Actions

Navigation

- The following locks on the north shore of Lake Okeechobee are closed due to declining lake levels:
 - 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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