

2012 WATER WATCH

Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for October 29, 2012

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

The District-wide rainfall total associated with Hurricane Sandy was approximately 0.79 inches, with local maximums of more than 3 inches in several basins in Broward and Miami-Dade counties. With no significant rainfall forecast in the next few days, water managers have returned canals to seasonally appropriate levels.

This week, seasonally high tides amplified by the storm and a full moon are significantly impacting coastal regions and some inland areas connected to east coast estuaries. Tidal water levels were two feet higher than during Tropical Storm Isaac. Many of these areas are outside the control of the District's water management structures, and District operations have no impact on the coastal high water levels.

The District continues to monitor water levels and operate the system to maintain flood control while capturing as much water as possible for the upcoming dry season. 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	15.91 feet
Historical Average for Today	15.03 feet
This Date One Year Ago	13.20 feet
One Month Ago	15.51 feet
One Week Ago	15.90 feet

Water Levels in Key Locations

LOCATION	CURRENT WATER LEVEL	ONE MONTH AGO	HISTORICAL AVERAGE FOR TODAY
Lake Istokpoga	39.36 feet	38.87 feet	39.28 feet
WCA-1	17.30 feet	17.05 feet	16.47 feet
WCA-2	13.52 feet	13.78 feet	13.23 feet
WCA-3	11.41 feet	11.33 feet	10.60 feet
Lake Kissimmee	51.58 feet	51.46 feet	51.31 feet
For a map of wet season rainfall totals in all District basins, click here .			

Other Actions

Navigation

- All Kissimmee River navigation locks are open.
- 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.
- Lock operations have resumed at the S-310 Lock, located near Clewiston on the south shore of the lake. Boaters must now “lock through” to navigate between the lake and the Clewiston Canal.

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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