

2012 WATER WATCH

Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for January 3, 2012

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

On average, less than two inches of rain fell over the last two months in the District's 16-county region. While November and December are historically dry months, this amounts to below-average rainfall across the region. However, cooler temperatures and low evapotranspiration rates have allowed water supplies to remain stable.

Below-average rainfall is expected to continue over the next few months, indicating a potential return to water shortage conditions in the spring. As a result, the 16-county region remains under a water shortage warning. While the warning remains in effect, the Water Watch briefing will continue on a biweekly basis, as conditions warrant.

Lake Okeechobee Levels

Today	13.65 feet
Historical Average for Today	14.74 feet
This Date One Year Ago	12.43 feet
One Month Ago	13.76 feet
One Week Ago	13.72 feet

Water Levels in Key Locations (as of January 3, 2012)

LOCATION	WATER LEVEL	HISTORICAL AVERAGE FOR TODAY	THIS DATE LAST YEAR
Lake Istokpoga	39.45 feet	39.14 feet	38.84 feet
WCA-1	16.55 feet	16.17 feet	16.24 feet
WCA-2	12.66 feet	12.31 feet	11.99 feet
WCA-3	10.36 feet	9.93 feet	9.55 feet
Lake Kissimmee	51.62 feet	51.02 feet	49.95 feet

For a map of dry season rainfall totals since Nov. 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.

- 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.
- For information about water conservation, visit www.savewaterfl.com.
- Information about current weather and water conditions can be found at www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch.

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