

2011 WATER WATCH

Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for November 14, 2011

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

Rainfall during the June-to-October wet season ended 4.52 inches above average for this period, compensating for a significant rainfall deficit during the preceding dry season.

On Thursday, the SFWMD Governing Board rescinded all emergency orders that were in place for the water shortage. At the Board's direction, the 16-county region is under a water shortage warning. The drier-than-normal forecast for the next several months indicates there could be a return to water shortage conditions in the spring. The District continues to store as much as water as possible.

Lake Okeechobee Levels

Today	13.80 feet
Historical Average for Today	14.97 feet
This Date One Year Ago	13.25 feet
One Month Ago	11.67 feet
One Week Ago	13.74 feet

Water Levels in Key Locations (as of November 14, 2011)

LOCATION	WATER LEVEL	HISTORICAL AVERAGE FOR TODAY	THIS DATE LAST YEAR
Lake Istokpoga	39.42 feet	39.20 feet	38.88 feet
WCA-1	16.65 feet	16.36 feet	16.74 feet
WCA-2	13.58 feet	13.05 feet	12.76 feet
WCA-3	11.09 feet	10.43 feet	9.99 feet
Lake Kissimmee	52.19 feet	51.25 feet	50.57 feet
For a map of wet season rainfall totals since June 1 in all District basins, click here .			

Water Conservation Measures

- South Florida is now 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 one day per week. 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 are required to continue following the terms of water use 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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