

# 2012 WATER WATCH

*Keeping an Eye on Water Resources*

## District-Wide Conditions for November 26, 2012

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

South Florida has transitioned into the dry season with water levels throughout most of the region at ideal levels. Water levels have started the seasonal decline, but resources are adequate for South Florida's water needs in the coming months. With a forecast for an average dry season, water managers are maintaining canals at seasonally appropriate 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 dry season.

For more information:

- [SFWMD Weather/Rainfall Data](#)
- [National Weather Service Dry Season Forecast](#)
- [Climate Prediction Center Precipitation Forecast](#)

### Lake Okeechobee Levels

<b>Today</b>	<b>15.23</b> feet
<b>Historical Average for Today</b>	<b>14.87</b> feet
<b>This Date One Year Ago</b>	<b>13.84</b> feet
<b>One Month Ago</b>	<b>15.81</b> feet
<b>One Week Ago</b>	<b>15.38</b> feet

### Water Levels in Key Locations

LOCATION	CURRENT WATER LEVEL	ONE MONTH AGO	HISTORICAL AVERAGE FOR TODAY
Lake Istokpoga	39.48 feet	39.39 feet	39.18 feet
WCA-1	16.88 feet	17.29 feet	16.32 feet
WCA-2	12.97 feet	13.47 feet	12.89 feet
WCA-3	10.79 feet	11.45 feet	10.32 feet
Lake Kissimmee	51.09 feet	51.49 feet	51.18 feet

For a map of recent 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](http://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](http://www.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting).
- For information about water conservation, visit [www.savewaterfl.com](http://www.savewaterfl.com).

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