

2012 WATER WATCH

Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for December 13, 2012

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

Following the District's record-dry November, excessive rainfall fell over parts of the District in the past few days. Rainfall maximums of 10 to 12 inches were recorded in the Jupiter area over a 24-hour period starting Dec. 11. During the same timeframe, the Lake Kissimmee basin averaged a beneficial 4.03 inches, and the West Collier basin's 6.06 inches of rain boosted water levels. In response to heavy rainfall in these locations, South Florida water managers have operated flood control structures at the maximum safe flow, while also capturing as much water as possible for storage.

With a forecast for an average dry season in the months to come, water managers are maintaining canals at seasonally appropriate levels.

For more information:

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

Lake Okeechobee Levels

Today	15.16 feet
Historical Average for Today	14.73 feet
This Date One Year Ago	13.78 feet
One Month Ago	15.51 feet
One Week Ago	15.07 feet

Water Levels in Key Locations

LOCATION	CURRENT WATER LEVEL	ONE MONTH AGO	HISTORICAL AVERAGE FOR TODAY
Lake Istokpoga	39.57 feet	39.39 feet	39.14 feet
WCA-1	16.78 feet	17.00 feet	16.18 feet
WCA-2	12.66 feet	13.17 feet	12.60 feet
WCA-3	10.60 feet	11.08 feet	10.11 feet
Lake Kissimmee	51.10 feet	51.26 feet	51.12 feet
For a map of dry 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 continued 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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