

2012 WATER WATCH

Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for April 9, 2012

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

The region remains under a water shortage warning.

April and May are the height of the dry season in South Florida. Limited rainfall, an increase in temperature and higher evapotranspiration rates reduce water resources at a faster pace at this time of year.

The 16-county region remains in a below-average dry season, with March rainfall at only 56 percent of the historical average. As water levels continue to decline, there is a potential return to water shortage conditions in the coming weeks. Water conservation is essential to stretch supplies through the remainder of the dry season.

Lake Okeechobee Levels

Today	12.06 feet
Historical Average for Today	14.12 feet
This Date One Year Ago	11.58 feet
One Month Ago	12.84 feet
One Week Ago	12.32 feet

Water Levels in Key Locations (as of April 9, 2012)

LOCATION	WATER LEVEL	ONE WEEK AGO	HISTORICAL AVERAGE FOR TODAY
Lake Istokpoga	38.70 feet	38.92 feet	38.71 feet
WCA-1	15.78 feet	15.92 feet	15.10 feet
WCA-2	10.62 feet	10.80 feet	11.07 feet
WCA-3	9.17 feet	9.30 feet	9.09 feet
Lake Kissimmee	49.79 feet	49.99 feet	49.99 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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