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This fact sheet is provided as a reference to encourage a greater understanding of the various issues related to managing water in South Florida.



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Water Savings Incentive Program (WaterSIP)

Partnering with local communities to conserve water resources

Public and organizational entities implementing innovative technology-based water conservation projects may apply to participate in a cost-sharing program with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). The initiative is nicknamed WaterSIP, for Water Savings Incentive Program, and its focus is projects that help reduce water use. Regional water supply plans have concluded that historically used freshwater sources will not be sufficient to meet all future water needs of the region so we must work together to conserve water and develop alternative water supplies.

What is WaterSIP?

- WaterSIP is a funding assistance reimbursement program supporting local water conservation projects.
- Recipients are eligible for reimbursement of up to \$50,000 or up to 50 percent of the total project cost, whichever is less.
- Projects funded through the program are non-capital in nature, meaning not part of a public water provider's or user's capital improvement program.
- Types of projects that have received funding include automatic line flushing devices, indoor plumbing retrofits, irrigation system retrofits, "smart" irrigation controllers (soil moisture/rain sensor technology) and pre-rinse spray valves.
- Potential applicants include cities, public utilities and water providers, homeowners/condominium associations, hospitals, museums, schools and commercial facilities.
- The program is funded annually, with approval from the SFWMD Governing Board.
- Approved projects must begin and end in the same fiscal year (Oct. 1 through Sept. 30).

FY2014 WaterSIP Projects

WaterSIP projects selected for implementation in Fiscal Year 2014 will receive a total of \$250,000 from the District and will result in estimated water savings at 85 million gallons of water per year:

- Broward County Natural Resources Planning and Management Division (on behalf of the Broward Water Partnership) – High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program
- Toho Water Authority – Toilet Rebate Program 2013-2014
- Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department – Residential High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate Project 2013-2014

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- Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority – High-Efficiency Toilet Retrofit Rebate Program
- Broward County Water and Wastewater Services – EPA WaterSense High-Efficiency Toilet Replacement/Credit Program
- City of West Palm Beach – Community Water Conservation Strategies – Phase IV (Toilet Replacement)
- City of Coral Springs – Automatic Line Flushing Devices
- Palm Beach County Utilities – Automatic Line Flushing Devices
- City of Delray Beach – Automatic Line Flushing Devices
- Ramblewood East Condominium Association – Ramblewood East Residential High-Efficiency Toilet Retrofit
- PGA Village Property Owners Association, Inc. – Reserve Boulevard Irrigation Upgrade Project

To Apply for Future Funding

- Entities seeking funding must be able to fully fund the total project cost and be eligible to receive up to 50 percent or up to \$50,000 in reimbursement for the proposed project, unless the entity is a Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI). The matching requirement may be waived for REDI communities.
- An internal review team consisting of five District staff rank eligible projects based on selection criteria that include:
 - Conservation efficiency (estimated number of gallons saved per year)
 - Cost effectiveness
 - Environmental and/or community benefits
 - Innovation
 - Quality and detail of project planning
 - Record, if any, of past WaterSIP project completion
- Program applications are typically available during the summer for the following fiscal year.

When released, the WaterSIP application and program updates are available on the District’s website at www.sfwmd.gov/watersip.