

# WATER SHORTAGE WATCH

*Keeping an Eye on Water Supply*

## Why is the water level low in my neighborhood lake, pond or canal?



During the annual dry season, limited rainfall and peak water demands often stress regional water supplies across the 16 counties in the South Florida Water Management District. This year, in particular, rainfall in South Florida remains significantly below average, and much of the region is experiencing extreme [drought conditions](#).

Water levels throughout South Florida are expected to remain low and could continue to drop until the wet season arrives. Unlike in other areas of the country, our state's [water cycle](#) is driven by rain. People and the environment are dependent upon [connected ground and surface water sources](#) that are recharged by rainfall.

Additional demands on ground and surface water sources could further lower water levels in neighborhood lakes, ponds and canals.

### ***How can you help?***

It is important for everyone in South Florida to follow [water shortage restrictions limiting landscape irrigation to two days a week](#). We need your help to reduce the impacts of this extreme drought in an effort to avoid more stringent restrictions as we manage the regional water supply.

Answers to frequently asked questions about the water shortage are attached to this e-mail. Information about water restrictions in your area is on the South Florida Water Management District website, [www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch](http://www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch). You may also contact your local South Florida Water Management District [Service Center](#) or local government for additional information.