



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

C-100 Series of Canal Maintenance

Overview

- The South Florida Water Management District is responsible for operating and maintaining more than 2,100 miles of canals from Orlando to the Keys. The primary function of this expansive system is to provide flood control and water supply for 8.1 million residents, businesses, agriculture and the environment.

Inspections

- SFWMD conducts regular inspections of the regional water management system in order to ensure it is operating as designed.
- If either the conveyance capacity of the canal or access to the canal for maintenance is materially impacted, then priority is given to addressing bank restoration in the affected areas.
- SFWMD has repeatedly surveyed the C-100 series of canals near Palmetto Bay. In November and December 2016, SFWMD determined that, neither the integrity of the conveyance capacity of the canal for flood control purposes nor access to the canal for maintenance, was materially impacted by canal bank erosion.
- In 2012 and 2013, SFWMD completed several canal bank strengthening repairs in the area.

Boating

- State law (Section 373.1391, Florida Statutes) provides that SFWMD land be open to general public recreation, including boating, where it is practicable.
- State law (Section 327.46, Florida Statutes) precludes SFWMD from establishing speed restriction zones in its canals.
- Florida law permits the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), counties and municipalities to establish speed restriction zones.
- Once any of these appropriate agencies establishes a no wake zone, then either FWC or other appropriate law enforcement agencies can enforce the zone.
- SFWMD is not a law enforcement agency.

What You Can Do

- Work with your local government to establish boating rules.
- Apply for a free SFWMD permit to perform private bank stabilization work.

