



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) Saves Water

SFWMD, University of Florida host seminar on how FAWN boosts irrigation efficiency

WHAT: Recognizing the importance of promoting and supporting water use efficiency, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the University of Florida are offering a free seminar on using advanced irrigation tools such as the Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) to save water.

Seminar attendees will learn techniques to increase irrigation efficiency while maintaining healthy crops and landscapes. Topics will include:

- Using the FAWN Urban Irrigation Scheduler
- Estimating evapotranspiration (ET) rates and how ET impacts plant water supply
- Using ET-based irrigation controllers
- Agricultural and citrus irrigation scheduling
- Urban water use

FAWN is a program of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences that provides weather data and weather-related services to a wide variety of users in Florida.

For more information about FAWN, visit fawn.ifas.ufl.edu. For details on the District's Comprehensive Water Conservation Program and water conservation tips, please visit www.savewaterfl.com.

WHEN: Thursday, April 7, 2011

TIME: 10 a.m.

WHERE: Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Office
559 Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

RSVP: To register, please contact Rick Lusher at 352-392-0429 or rlusher@ufl.edu.

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.