

# WATER WATCH

*Keeping an Eye on Water Resources*

## District-Wide Conditions for February 14, 2014

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

Scattered rain fell across South Florida's 16 counties during the past week, accounting for a District-wide estimated average of 0.718 inches. While some areas experienced heavier rainfall, water levels are near dry season averages.

The District continues to operate the water management system to maximize water storage for the remainder of the dry season while providing flood control during periods of localized, intense rainfall.

Water Levels in Key Locations (February 14)		
Location	Today's level	Water Supply Floor
WCA-1	16.65 feet	14.00 feet
WCA-2	12.50 feet	10.50 feet
WCA-3	9.84 feet	7.50 feet

### Water Conservation

- 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.
  - To determine watering days and times in your area, contact your local government or visit [www.sfwmd.gov/2days](http://www.sfwmd.gov/2days).
- Permitted water users such as nurseries, agriculture, golf courses and utilities can find water use conditions in their permits online at [www.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting](http://www.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting).
- For tips and information about water conservation, visit [www.savewaterfl.com](http://www.savewaterfl.com).

### Lake Okeechobee Operations

- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages Lake Okeechobee water levels based on its regulation schedule and the best available science and data provided by its staff and a variety of partners, including SFWMD.
  - SFWMD makes an operational recommendation each week based on conditions. The most recent Operational Position Statement is available at [www.sfwmd.gov/opsreports](http://www.sfwmd.gov/opsreports).

Lake Okeechobee Levels	
Today (Feb. 14)	14.07 feet
Historical Average for Today	14.58 feet
This Date One Year Ago	14.34 feet

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