

# WATER WATCH

*Keeping an Eye on Water Resources*

## District-Wide Conditions for April 22, 2014

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

The typical South Florida dry season's decline in water levels was briefly slowed by a District-wide average of about an inch of rain during the past seven days. This recharged groundwater on both the east and west coasts.

The District continues to operate the water management system to balance water supply with flood control to achieve optimum water levels for the start of the rainy season.

Water Levels in Key Locations (April 22)		
Location	Today's level	Water Supply Floor
WCA-1	16.08 feet	14.00 feet
WCA-2A	10.99 feet	10.50 feet
WCA-3A	9.17 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 (April 22)	13.29 feet
Historical Average for Today	13.84 feet
This Date One Year Ago	13.57 feet

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