

WATER WATCH

Keeping an Eye on Water Resources

District-Wide Conditions for September 18, 2015

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

Significant rainfall was seen across portions of South Florida during the past week, with an average of 3.3 inches falling District-wide between September 11 and today. The week was also the wettest week of the wet season for St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach and Broward counties.

Heavy rainfall focused on both coasts, with local maximum rainfall totals ranging from about 6 inches on the southwest coast to 11.5 inches in spots along the east coast. Water levels in some key locations, including the Water Conservation Areas, increased because of the above-average rainfall.

Water Levels in Key Locations (Sept. 18)		
Location	Today's level (NGVD29)	Water Supply Floor
WCA-1	16.65 feet	14.00 feet
WCA-2A	12.72 feet	10.50 feet
WCA-3A	9.63 feet	7.50 feet

Water Conservation is Essential

- South Florida is under the District's Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule, which 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.
- 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.
- For tips and information about water conservation, visit www.sfwmd.gov/consERVE.

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.
- Corps water managers prefer to maintain water levels between 12.5 feet and 15.5 feet to help balance competing demands such as public safety, water supply and environmental health.
 - SFWMD makes an operational recommendation each week based on conditions. The most recent Operational Position Statement is available at www.sfwmd.gov/opsreports.

Lake Okeechobee Levels	
Today (Sept. 18)	14.04 feet
This Date One Year Ago	14.60 feet

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