

# WATER WATCH

*Keeping an Eye on Water Resources*

## District-Wide Conditions for October 17, 2014

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

Based on weather patterns during the last several weeks, District meteorologists have determined that South Florida's daily sea-breeze cycle wet-season rains ended on October 4. Slightly above-average seasonal rainfall left water levels in good condition in many areas. This provides the benefit of water-supply flexibility to water managers into the dry season.

The dry season typically runs from mid-October to mid-May with about 18 inches of rain on average.

Water Levels in Key Locations (October 17)		
Location	Today's level	Water Supply Floor
WCA-1	17.25 feet	14.00 feet
WCA-2A	13.68 feet	10.50 feet
WCA-3A	10.59 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 (Oct. 17)	15.84 feet
Historical Average for Today	15.05 feet
This Date One Year Ago	15.60 feet

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