Southwest Florida Water Management District

Water Use Fact Sheet

The District encompasses Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Sarasota and Sumter counties, as well as portions of Charlotte, Highlands, Lake, Levy, Marion and Polk counties.

The District's responsibilities include managing water supply, water quality, flood protection and natural systems. As part of managing the region's water supply, the regulation, management and monitoring of water use is a critical part of protecting the resource. The following information provides a summary of permitted groundwater use within the District, consumptive groundwater use permit data, beverage processing information and figures for estimated groundwater use.

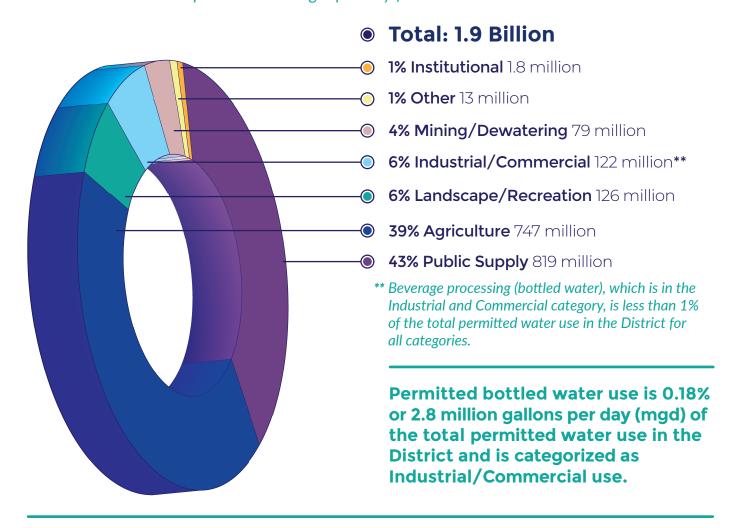
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Permitted Water Useby Category Districtwide

*Numbers based on the permitted average quantity for December 2019



In accordance with Chapter 373.223, Florida Statutes (F.S.), the District may issue a water use permit if the following specific conditions are identified:

- It is a reasonable-beneficial use as defined in section. 373.019, F.S.
- It will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and
- It is consistent with the public interest

A water user shall obtain a permit if any of the following criteria are met:

- Withdrawals from wells six inches or greater in diameter
- Surface water withdrawals using a cumulative intake of four inches or greater in diameter
- Withdrawals of 100,000 gallons per day or more
- Withdrawals from facilities that are capable of producing 1 million gallons per day (MGD) or more

Note: If a permit application is located within the most impacted area of the Southern Water Use Caution Area then a permit is required if the cumulative outside diameter of the withdrawals is 6 inches in diameter or greater.

To ensure proposed uses are reasonable and beneficial, the permit application review includes, among other things, an analysis to prevent environmental harm and ensure consistency with established Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels (MFLs). A complete reference to water use permitting rule can be found in Rule 40D-2, Florida Administrative Code.

All new withdrawals or diversions greater than or equal to 500,000 gallons per day are approved by the District's Governing Board.

Withdrawals and diversions of water for the following uses are exempt from water use permitting:

- Water used for domestic purposes
- Certified uses defined in Chapter 62-17, Florida Administrative Code entitled Electrical Power Plant Siting

SWFWMD Current Beverage Processing

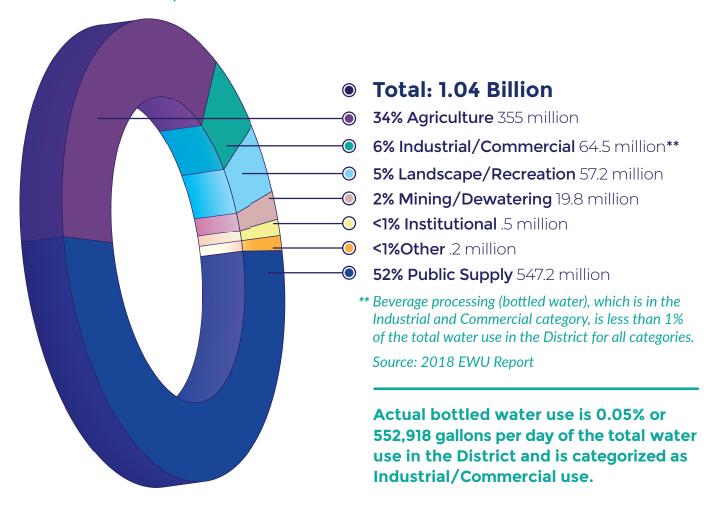
(Bottle Water Permittees):

Name	County	Expire Date	Permitted Avg. GPD	Bottled Water Allocation	Current Use (GPD)
Sumter, LLC	Sumter	8/14/2033	1,025,600	350,000	0
Crystal Springs Preserve	Hillsborough, Pasco	2/24/2029	756,893	755,893	551,761
Safety Harbor Resort & Spa	Pinellas	6/13/2033	40,000	30	30*
Christian Contractors Assoc, Inc.	Hernando	11/3/2020	14,500	11,600	0
Wildwood Spring	Sumter	1/11/2028	496,000	496,000	833
Mooney Family, LLC	Hardee	4/2/2038	448,500	448,500	0
McBath Property	Pasco	4/10/2035	159,000	159,000	0
Heatherwood Investments, LLC	Citrus	7/24/2032	76,700	76,700	294
Fern Spring	Sumter	6/8/2036	496,000	496,000	0
		Totals:	3,513,193	2,793,723	552,918

^{*}Withdrawal site is used for multiple purposes so 30 gpd is an estimate based on the permitted quantity. Note, the annual average will fluctuate monthly.

Districtwide Actual Withdrawals by Category Districtwide

Million Gallons Per Day



Other Water Management Districts' Permitted Water Use for Bottled Water:

Suwannee River WMD		
 0.55% of total consumptive use 		
•3 permits		
• 2.8922 mgd		
South Florida WMD		
• 0.00012% of permitted quantities		
•3 permits		