

## FACT SHEET

### Phase I Water Shortage Order No. SWF 2023-041

The District's Governing Board has issued Water Shortage Order No. SWF 2023-041 for all of Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and Sumter counties; portions of Lake and Levy counties; the city of Dunnellon and The Villages in Marion County; and the portion of Gasparilla Island in Lee County. This area specifically excludes unincorporated Levy County, as restrictions in those areas are managed by the Suwannee River Water Management District in accordance with an interagency agreement between the two water management districts. The order is effective Nov. 21, 2023, through Sept. 1, 2024, except where stricter measures have been imposed by local governments.

#### What Does This Mean?

Water resource conditions are below normal and may worsen before they improve. In addition to alerting the public, conditions require water utilities to take certain actions.

#### Summary of Restrictions & Other Requirements:

As of Nov. 21, 2023, the following restrictions apply to all of Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and Sumter counties; portions of Lake and Levy counties; the city of Dunnellon and The Villages in Marion County; and the portion of Gasparilla Island in Lee County.

- Continue following current lawn and landscape irrigation restrictions.
- "Wasteful and unnecessary" water use is prohibited, including allowing water to be dispersed without any practical purpose, using water in a grossly inefficient manner and using water for a purpose that can be readily accomplished by other means.

Water utilities, in consultation with applicable local enforcement agencies, must:

- Review, update and implement procedures for enforcing year-round and water shortage restrictions.
- Report information to the District regarding violations involving a Water Use Permit holder.
- Respond to residential and other enforcement referrals made by the District.
- Transmit enforcement data to the District on a monthly basis.
- Inform customers about the declaration, local supplies and water conservation opportunities.
- Address inquiries from the District and citizens about line flushing and disinfection activity.

In addition to the above, as of Dec. 1, 2023, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties will be under a modified Phase I water shortage order, limiting water restrictions to once per week.

#### Any Questions?

- Visit the District's website at [WaterMatters.org](https://www.watermatters.org) for more information.
- Send an inquiry to [Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org](mailto:Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org) at any time.

- Call (813) 856-5679 during business hours.