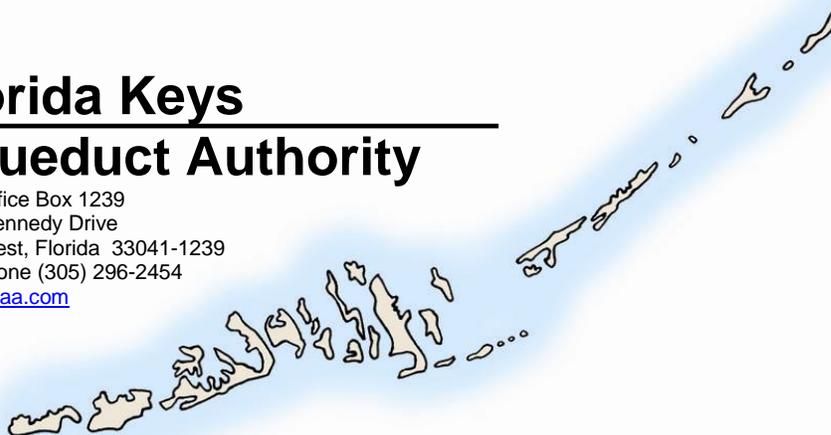




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Water Supply Update

South Florida continues to experience extreme drought conditions, with the third driest Dry Season on record since 1932. Drought conditions are expected to continue until the traditional wet season rains begin in late May or June.

The drinking water for Monroe County is supplied from the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority water treatment facility in Florida City. The supply wells and an extensive network of monitoring wells surrounding the well field are tested hundreds of times a month for a number of factors, including daily tests for chloride (salt) content. Recently, some monitoring wells have shown significantly lower water levels than is historically typical. It is important to remember the distinction between supply wells and monitoring wells as you follow the news.

The FCAA supply wells that provide the Florida Keys drinking water are NOT showing elevated chloride levels and there is no threat to the Keys drinking water supply.

Mandatory two day per week outdoor irrigation restrictions remain in effect for all of South Florida. Residents and businesses are encouraged to help preserve our precious water supply by carefully following the restrictions:

- Odd-numbered addresses can irrigate on Wednesdays and Saturdays
- Even-numbered addresses can irrigate on Thursdays and Sundays
- You may irrigate at anytime during your day EXCEPT from 10:00am-4:00pm

Enforcement of the mandatory restrictions rests with the Code Enforcement departments of each local municipality. During this time of extreme drought, enforcement measures will be significantly increased.

To report residential and commercial violations of the mandatory water restrictions:

- Monroe County 305-289-2520
- Key Colony Beach 305-289-1212
- Key West 305-809-3735
- Layton 305-664-4667 or 305-664-4746
- Islamorada 305-664-6400
- Marathon 305-289-4116

For any other questions regarding current water restrictions, contact the South Florida Water Management District Water Shortage Hotline 800-662-8876.