

Coral Springs Improvement District March 2026 Newsletter

Dry Conditions Prompt Water Shortage Warnings in South Florida

South Florida is currently experiencing extremely dry conditions. The **South Florida Water Management District** has issued **Water Shortage Warnings for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties** due to ongoing rainfall deficits and declining water levels.

While **Broward County is not currently included in the warning area**, the district is closely monitoring conditions across the region. If the dry weather continues and water levels drop further, similar warnings or restrictions could potentially be expanded to include Broward County in the future. Residents are encouraged to practice water conservation to help protect our water resources.

As a reminder, Broward County already has **year-round landscape irrigation restrictions** in place:

- Odd-numbered addresses: Water on Wednesdays and Saturdays
- Even-numbered addresses: Water on Thursdays and Sundays
- No irrigation allowed: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays
- Permitted watering times: Before 10:00 a.m. or after 4:00 p.m.

Following these restrictions helps conserve water, protect our aquifer, and ensure a reliable water supply for our community. Residents are encouraged to regularly check irrigation systems for leaks, adjust timers for seasonal conditions, and avoid watering during or immediately after rainfall. CSID will continue to monitor conditions and share updates if additional water conservation measures become necessary.



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A Word from Our President ...

Greetings fellow CSID customers! As you are likely aware, evolving regulatory requirements and technology changes are focused on ensuring environmental sustainability, improving the quality of our drinking water, and ensuring the environmentally safe disposition of wastewater biosolids.

CSID is committed to our role as true stewards of ecological balance, while delivering optimal solutions for providing the safest drinking water and ensuring compliance with standards for wastewater disposal. You'll read in this newsletter the steps that CSID is taking to provide thoughtful, cost-effective solutions that comply with regulatory mandates while maintaining water and sewer rates that remain some of the lowest in South Florida.

We are fortunate to have highly skilled, forward-thinking leadership at CSID that strives to be several steps ahead in developing creative solutions to comply with the evolving regulatory landscape and implement strategies that allow us to provide those solutions at very affordable rates. Wishing you an enjoyable Spring!

Mark Ritter

“CALL CSID FIRST” with Sewer Backup Issues

By using our “CALL CSID FIRST” program, it allows us to evaluate the situation and possibly clear the blockage without the need for you to contact a plumber and incur an expense. CSID is equipped to remedy the situation, or at the very least, get your drains flowing again. There are times when the obstructions or clogs are the responsibility of CSID. When that happens CSID will correct the issue. Other times, the clog is not within CSID’s infrastructure and is the responsibility of the homeowner to fix the issue by possibly calling a plumber. In either case, CSID will come to you and assess the problem and will either correct the issue or provide suggestions for a solution. Emergency after hour plumbing calls can be costly so please **“CALL CSID FIRST!!”**

If you call a plumber to investigate or repair a sewer backup before CSID and are told the obstruction is on CSID’s side of the line, CSID cannot reimburse you for the plumber’s invoice.

CSID’s personnel are available 24 ours a days, 7 days a week. Call 954-753-0380 option #1

Our Annual Consumer Confidence Report

The latest Coral Springs Improvement District annual water quality report is now available online at <https://www.csidfl.org/2024CCR> This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. In addition, you may find our CCR available on our website, receive a hard copy at our annual open house, or call 954-796-6632 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.

World Water Day: Small Actions, Big Impact

Observed annually on March 22, World Water Day reminds us of the importance of protecting our freshwater resources. Established in 1993, this global initiative encourages individuals and businesses alike to take meaningful steps toward water conservation and environmental sustainability.

One simple yet powerful approach is embracing the three “R’s” of conservation: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

Reduce

Start by cutting back on unnecessary water use. Fix household leaks promptly, take shorter showers, and wash clothes in cold water when possible. Small adjustments in our daily routines can significantly decrease water waste over time.

Reuse

Look for opportunities to give water a second purpose. Install rain barrels to collect water for landscaping, or reuse leftover pasta water to nourish non-edible plants. Extending the life of water resources helps conserve this vital commodity.

Recycle

Think creatively about how water can serve another function. Water used to rinse fruits and vegetables can be saved for cleaning floors, and leftover mop water can be repurposed to clean patios or outdoor surfaces.

Every action—no matter how small—makes a difference. By committing to smarter water use, we help ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. Let’s work together to protect one of our most valuable resources.

PFAS in Drinking Water: Prepared, Proactive, and Cost-Conscious

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), sometimes called “forever chemicals,” are manmade compounds that persist in the environment and have been linked to potential health concerns. In response, the U.S. EPA has finalized new drinking water standards that significantly lower allowable PFAS concentrations.

Across Florida and the nation, utilities are now facing major capital investments to comply. Many systems must construct entirely new advanced treatment facilities, with projected costs estimated at six to sixteen times what CSID invested in its treatment plant. As a result, many neighboring utilities are planning substantial rate increases to fund these projects. CSID is in a fundamentally different position.

In 2010, the District made the forward-thinking decision to construct a reverse osmosis (RO) water treatment plant. That investment now places us well ahead of many utilities. Reverse osmosis is one of the most effective technologies available for removing PFAS, and because our facility already utilizes this process, major investments are not needed to meet the EPA’s new requirements. Rather than building a new plant, we are optimizing an existing one.

Our team operates one of the region’s most advanced treatment systems, continuously monitors regulatory developments, and proactively evaluates emerging contaminants long before they become mandated standards. That same diligence enabled the District to identify and secure funding opportunities — including participation in national class action litigation against PFAS manufacturers — resulting in significant settlement funds to offset compliance costs.

The District has retained a consulting engineering firm to perform a comprehensive PFAS mitigation study. This includes pilot testing, performance validation, and evaluation of the most cost-effective long-term operational adjustments. These efforts ensure regulatory compliance, protect water quality, and confirm that we are implementing the most efficient solution available.

Unlike many surrounding utilities, Coral Springs Improvement District does not anticipate any rate increases associated with compliance with the EPA’s new PFAS rule. Our strong position is a result of:

- Proactive infrastructure investment in 2010
- Skilled, forward-looking staff
- Strategic financial planning
- Successful participation in PFAS litigation

The settlement funds awarded to the District will help cover the upgrades and system optimizations required under the new rule, further shielding our customers from financial impact. To date, the District has received \$2,496,366.61 of the \$4,661,659.79 awarded to the District through the litigation. Additional amounts are expected to be received from two other companies involved in the litigation as those claims are finalized.

Because of decisions made more than a decade ago, and the expertise of the professionals who operate our system every day, we are able to comply with today’s stricter regulations at a fraction of the cost many utilities now face, without increasing rates.

We remain committed to delivering safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water while continuing to plan proactively for the future.





Our Regional Approach to Biosolids Management

Each day, our wastewater treatment plant safely and efficiently treats millions of gallons of wastewater from our residents and businesses. As part of that process, we produce Class B biosolids, a treated, nutrient-rich material that has traditionally been land applied in accordance with regulatory standards.

However, the regulatory landscape is changing.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to evaluate and strengthen requirements related to land application, particularly as they relate to groundwater protection and emerging contaminants. At the same time, several bills currently under discussion in the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate could significantly restrict, or potentially ban, Class B biosolids land application in Florida.

In response to the changing regulatory landscape, we joined a regional biosolids working group spearheaded by Broward County, which includes 11 utilities throughout the county. Together, we participated in a comprehensive feasibility study to evaluate long-term, sustainable biosolids management solutions.

The conclusion of the working group was that developing a regional thermal drying facility offers the most environmentally responsible and economically sound path forward. Through thermal drying technology, Class B biosolids would be converted into Class AA biosolids — a higher-quality product that can be pelletized and beneficially reused as fertilizer. This process significantly reduces environmental risk, minimizes reliance on land application sites, and creates a reusable end product that supports agricultural and landscaping needs.

To ensure we identified the best path forward, the District engaged Kimley-Horn to conduct an alternatives analysis evaluating three potential paths:

1. Maintain current operations and evaluate cost for compliance
2. Construct a District Owned Standalone Facility; or
3. Participate in the Regional Facility

After careful evaluation, participation in the regional facility clearly emerged as the most cost effective and sustainable choice.

At the February 23rd meeting of the CSID Board of Supervisors, the board approved an interlocal agreement with Broward County. This agreement would fund a proportional share of the facility's design costs, like the commitments being made by the other participating utilities. Upon completion of design, each utility will evaluate and consider a final interlocal agreement covering its share of construction costs.

The Coral Springs Improvement District remains committed to forward-thinking solutions that safeguard public health, protect our environment, and responsibly manage the resources entrusted to us. Through regional partnership and strategic planning, we are positioning our community for a resilient and sustainable future.