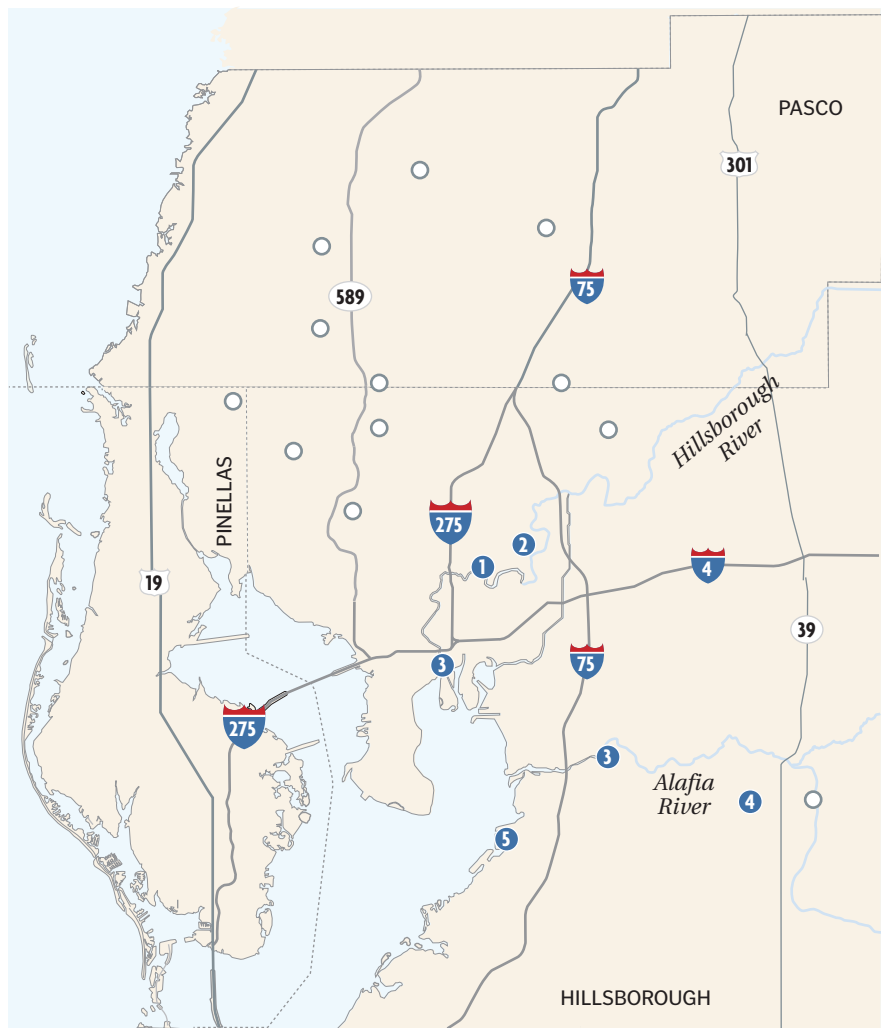


DRY COUNTIES

During December, residents in Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties use an average of 235 million gallons of water a day. During spring, that amount can top 300 million gallons. Even with normal use, however, a combination of factors are taxing supplies. Here's where our water is drawn from:



○ **Wellfields in Pasco and northern Hillsborough counties:** 95 million gallons. As water use increases, these wellfields likely will exceed their pumping permit levels by January.

Wellfields in southern Hillsborough: 30 million gallons. These may be asked to carry a heavier load by spring.

1 Tampa's reservoir on the Hillsborough River: 30 million gallons. The reservoir is at a level normally not seen until the end of the dry season in May.

2 Tampa Bypass Canal: 20 million gallons. Water regulators this month adopted an emergency permit, doubling the amount that may be taken from the canal.

3 Hillsborough and Alafia rivers: Provided no water. The two rivers normally combine to provide up to 40 million gallons a day during December.

4 Tampa Bay Water reservoir: 40 million gallons. Tampa Bay Water began withdrawing from the reservoir in October, four months earlier than normal.

5 Desalination plant in Apollo Beach: 20 million gallons. The plant is the only source not affected by drought.