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News Release

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City Water Conservation Efforts Support CU's Water Watch

The City of Springfield is doing its part to conserve water during this Water Watch period designated by City Utilities of Springfield. A Water Watch indicates that conditions are right for our water supply levels to continue a decline, and with a persistent drought, the decline could be more rapid.

- Springfield Branson National Airport has cut back on turf irrigation and is only watering small grass areas immediately next to the terminal and spot watering on new trees to keep them alive.
- The great majority of our general park areas do not receive any type of irrigation. For those few areas that do receive irrigation (Jordan Valley Park, Cooper Tennis Complex, and Chesterfield Family Center), steps have been taken to cut back and appropriately stagger irrigation schedules in keeping with CU's recommended guidelines for commercial and residential areas.
- Public areas maintained by Public Works and Parks golf courses and ballfields continue to be irrigated as minimally as possible. The fountain at Park Central Square and fountains at Oscar Blom Golf Course are shut down.
- Park Board swimming pools will continue in their operation as they provide much-needed relief to park patrons working to beat the excessive heat we are currently experiencing in the area.
- Springfield Fire Department is carefully evaluating the use of water for training purposes at this time. The department does not feel there is any threat to fire protection during this Water Watch period.

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