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Lafayette Parks Department to guide areas into early dormancy

LAFAYETTE, Colo September 5, 2012 – To proactively prepare for the possibility of continued drought conditions in 2013, the City of Lafayette has suspended irrigation in all parks with the exception of high traffic sports fields. This decision will allow the City to continue efforts to prudently store water for future use. Despite an emergency ordinance restricting irrigation in July, residential water use in Lafayette has risen 38% over 2011. While residents may begin to notice grassy areas turning brown, a characteristic of Kentucky bluegrass moving into dormancy, this grass species is able to survive extended periods of low irrigation and remerge healthy in the spring.

Residents can learn more about similar condition in their own lawns at http://www.ext.colostate.edu/ptlk/1540.html

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