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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Winter Park utility lifts water conservation request

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award-winning city with multiple accredited agencies (October 13, 2021) In August, the City of Winter Park Water & Wastewater Utilities Department joined the City of Orlando and Orlando Utilities Commission in asking its customers to temporarily conserve water due to the shortage of liquid oxygen experienced by the surge of COVID-19 treatments. With COVID cases on the decline, this water conservation request has now been lifted.

Liquid oxygen is an essential component of the ozone gas used by the department to purify the water. Liquid oxygen is also a critical component used by hospitals to treat COVID patients.

"Working cooperatively with our customers and suppliers, we were able to keep liquid oxygen levels at our water treatment plants at a sufficient level to avoid boil-water alerts during the surge," explained City Manager Randy Knight. "We appreciate our customers doing what they could to help us manage the impact of the pandemic at an individual and greater level."

For more information about water conservation, please access <a href="mailto:cityofwinterpark.org/h2oconserve">cityofwinterpark.org/h2oconserve</a> or to review the city's water quality report please access <a href="mailto:cityofwinterpark.org/h2oreport">cityofwinterpark.org/h2oreport</a>.

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