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News Release

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Daily Pollen Counts Resume for 2012

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department has resumed daily pollen counts for the 2012 season. The counts are posted each day on the department’s website at http://health.springfieldmo.gov/pollen.

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department has provided pollen data to the community, news media sources, meteorologists and physicians since 1961. After earning accreditation by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) in 2009, the department is designated as a certified pollen counting station and joins major metropolitan areas throughout the United States in this regard. The National Allergy Bureau is the section of the AAAAI that reports pollen and mold levels to the public.

Pollen and spore counts are collected over a 24-hour period, from 8 a.m. until 8 a.m. the following day. The counts are typically posted online by 10:30 a.m. Please take into consideration that the data presented each day actually reflects the previous 24-hour period. Users can also view pollen history on the website. Pollen counts will continue through Nov. 1 or the first freeze of the winter, whichever comes first.

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