

Yes, the drinking fountains in La Crosse will soon be running again for the season.

No, they won't be running all the time. The city this week will put valves on 45 historical fountains that have traditionally run continuously. That's a bunch of water every year; 4 to 5 million gallons, says

city water utility manager Mark Johnson. Each new fountain valve will cost about 75 dollars. Until now, the city has paid the utility over a hundred dollars a year each to let the fountains run continuously.