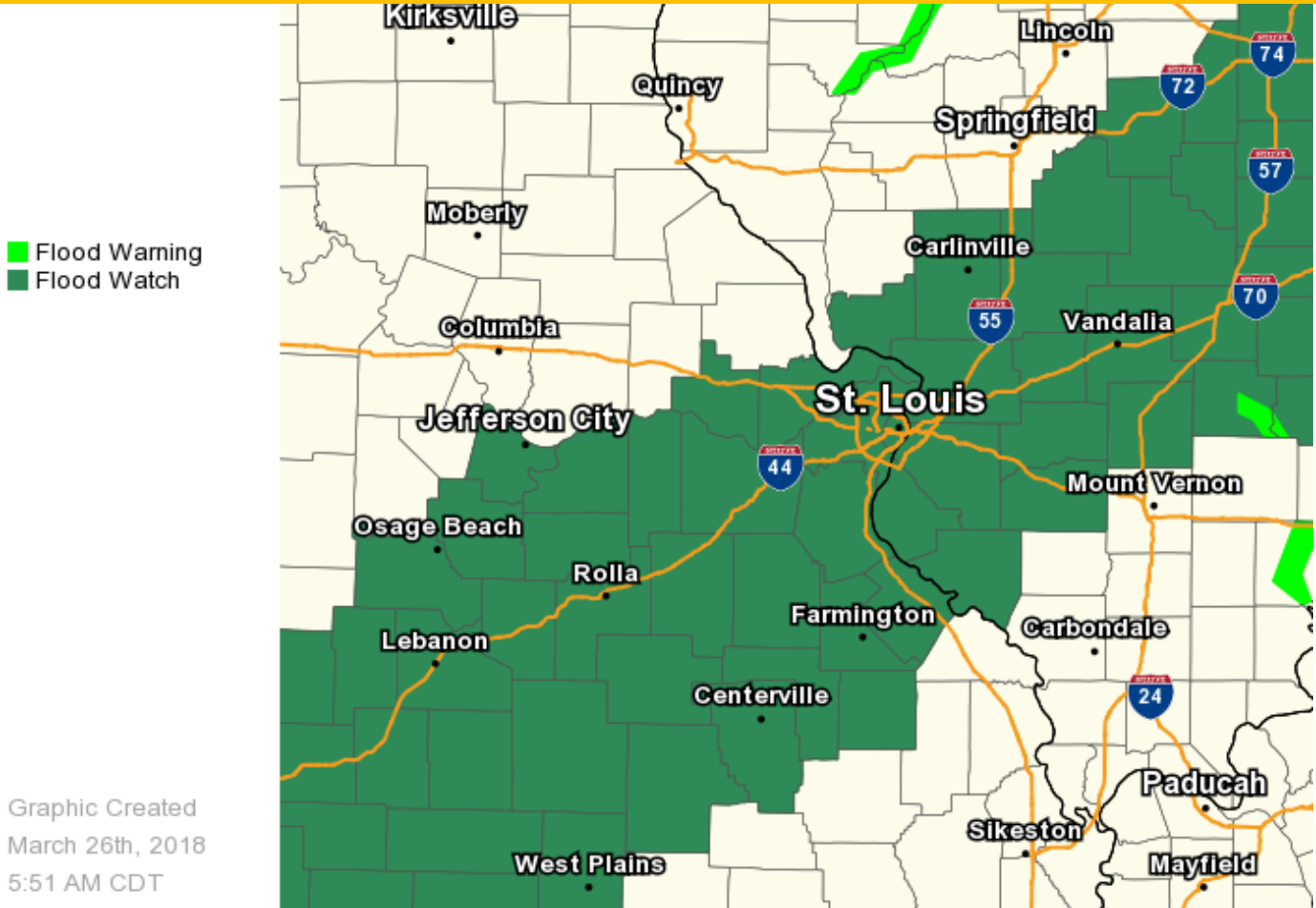




Flood Watch in Effect From 7 PM This Evening to 7 PM Tuesday



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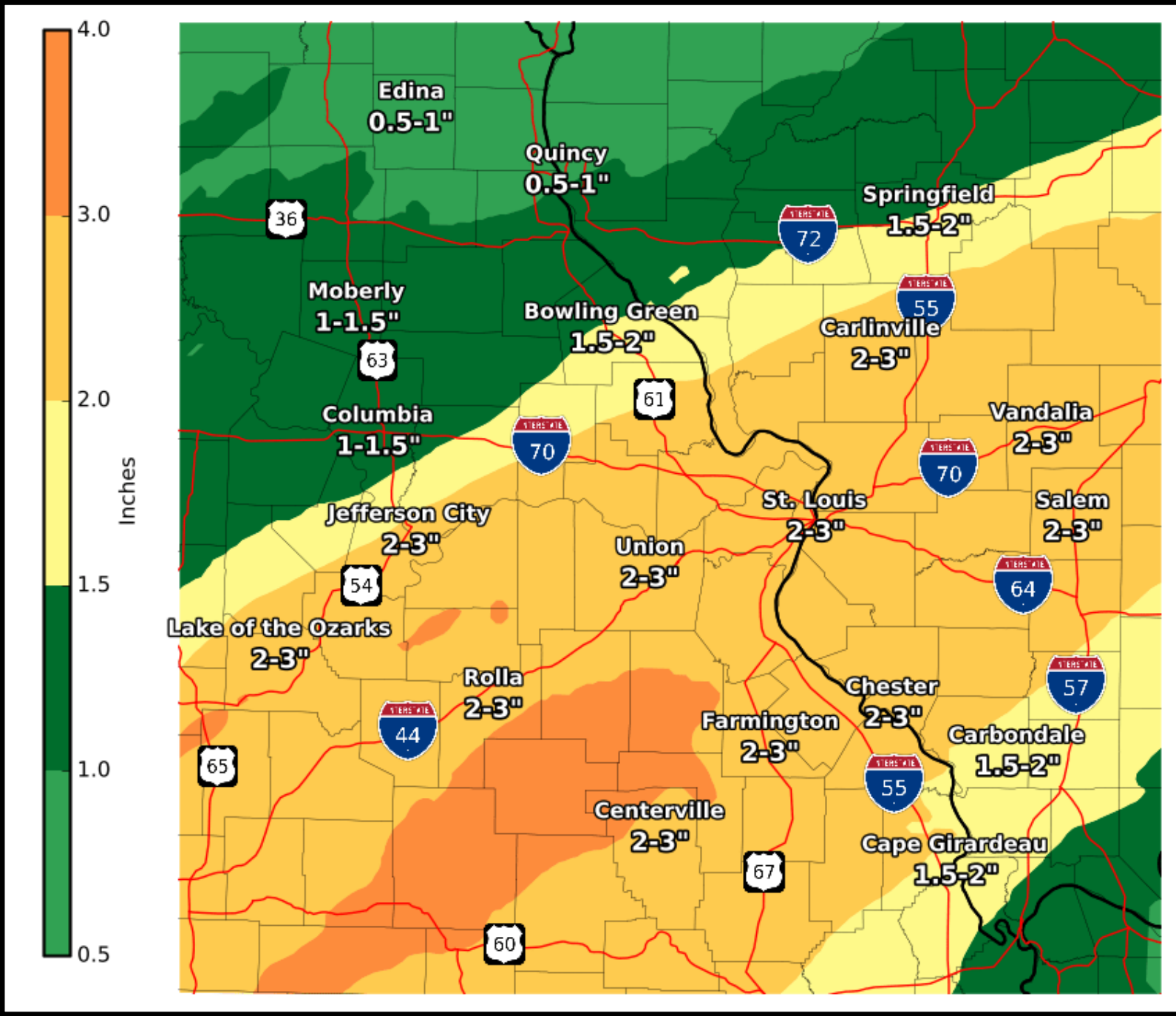
Important Forecast Changes

Minor changes to rainfall amounts.



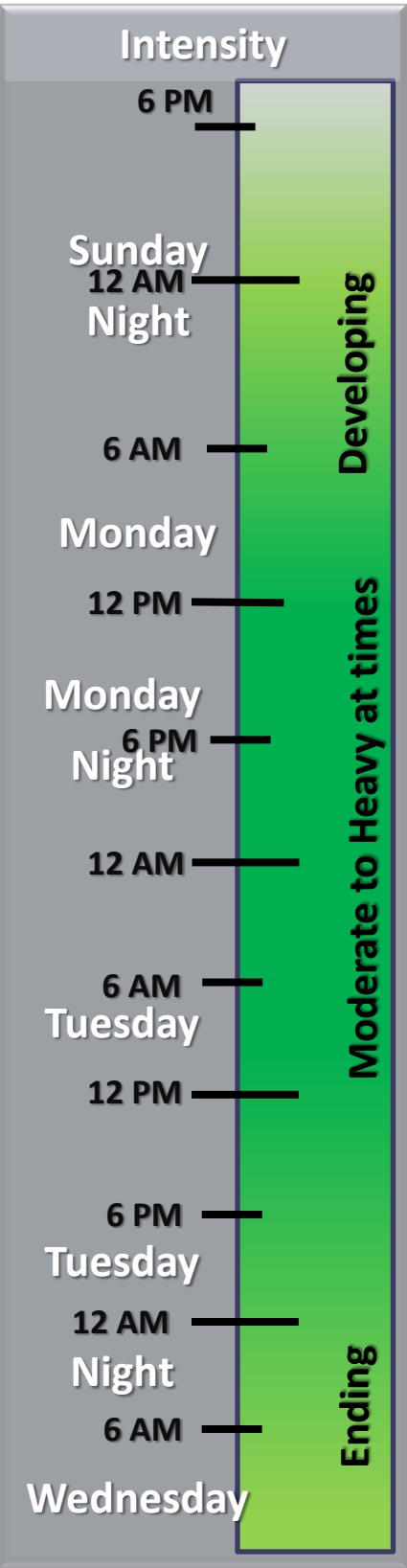


Forecasted Rainfall From 7 AM Today to 7 AM Wednesday





Heavy Rainfall Likely This Evening Into Tuesday



Areas Impacted:

The heaviest rainfall will likely affect parts of central, east central, and southeast Missouri as well as southwest Illinois. Minor flooding will be possible along the Illinois, Kaskaskia, and Cuivre Rivers. Significant rises will be possible along the Meramec, Big, Bourbeuse, Maries, and Moreau rivers.



Timing and Duration:

The rain will be moderate to heavy at times from this evening into Tuesday.



Confidence:

Moderate to high.



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Flood Quick Facts and Preparedness:



Quick facts you should know about flooding:

- Flooding can be caused by heavy rain, rapid snow melt, coastal storms, storm surge, waterway overflow, ice jamming, levee overtopping, dam failure, or from wastewater systems.
- Flooding has occurred in every U.S. state and territory.
- It only takes 6 inches of fast-moving water to knock you off your feet.
- A car can be moved in as little as 2 feet of water.
- 90% of all U.S. natural disasters declared by the President involve flooding.

Preparedness:

Know your risk: Are you in a flood-prone area? Know your zone: www.fema.gov/flood-zones

- You must purchase separate flood insurance for your home. There is a 30 day wait period between when you buy a flood insurance policy and when it goes into effect. Plan ahead!
- A **Flood Watch** is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. *Time to prepare!*
- A **Flood Warning** is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring. *Time to act!*

Never drive into flood waters! Turn around, don't drown!

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