



Yakima Health District

Media Release

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Cooling Centers for Individuals to Stay Cool in the Heat

Yakima, WA- As temperatures continue to rise locally, cooling centers have been established to provide community members access to cool locations where they can stay during this extreme heat this week. The Yakima Health District encourages individuals who do not have air-conditioning to utilize these locations.

Cooling Centers

Harman Senior Center

101 N 65th Ave, Yakima, WA 98908
Monday-Wednesday: 8:00am-6:30pm
Thursday-Friday: 8:00am-4:30pm
Saturday: 9:00am-3:30pm

Washington Fruit Community Center

602 N 6th St, Yakima, WA 98901
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Spirit Alive Church

3601 Mountainview Ave, Yakima, WA 98901
Monday-Friday: 10:00am-6:00pm

Wesley United Methodist Church

14 N 48th Ave, Yakima, WA 98908
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Additional Resources

Community groups are also offering food and water to community members during the extreme heat, such as Yakima Community Aid. They will be located on the corner of Naches Ave and Pendleton Way in Yakima, WA offering water, fruit, snacks and more. Individuals are encouraged to access this location for resources and donate items as well.

Apart from the cooling centers, individuals can also visit alternative locations such as the Yakima Valley Mall, the Yakima Valley Libraries, or other local businesses to remain cool.



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Stay Informed

Take additional steps to stay cool, such as staying indoors in an air-conditioned place as much as possible, drink plenty of water, and never leave a person or pet in a parked vehicle. It is important for individuals to stay informed and be aware of symptoms of heat-related illness, which include dizziness, nausea, headaches, and muscle cramps. If you or a family member experience symptoms and begin to lose consciousness, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Pet owners should also ensure that their pets are protected by providing ample shade and water. Pet owners should also watch for [sign of heatstroke](#) such as heavy panting, glazed eyes, difficulty breathing, vomiting, etc. Like humans, the pets that are at particular risk for heatstroke or those that are elderly or very young.

Quotes

“Please make sure to share information widely to your friends and loved ones about where individuals can seek refuge from the heat during these record-breaking temperatures.” Nathan Johnson, Local Emergency Response Coordinator, Yakima Health District

“Fortunately, because Governor Inslee recently removed COVID-related capacity limits for public buildings, we’re now in a better position to serve as de facto cooling centers for those who need a place to get out of the heat.”- Krystal Corbray, Programming and Marketing Librarian, Yakima Valley Libraries

Additional Information

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Keep Your Cool in Hot Weather!](#)

[National Weather Service](#)

[Yakima County Fire Marshal Declares Emergency Burn Ban Friday June 25-Monday July 12](#)

[Yakima Valley Libraries Media Release: YVL Buildings Open to Full Capacity, Toppenish Library Closed Until Further Notice](#)

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