



news release

July 2, 2024

Please note updated information:

Cooling Centers Scheduled to Open in Response to Extreme Heat

*Please note: there will be three cooling center locations open this week, the libraries at Hoopa, Willow Creek and Garberville. See below for hours.

In response to the extreme heat forecast for the coming days, Humboldt County is opening cooling centers at the Hoopa, Willow Creek and Garberville library branches. These centers will provide a safe and cool environment for residents seeking relief from high temperatures that are expected to reach into the 100s in some locations.

Health & Human Services Director Connie Beck said ensuring the safety and well-being of our community during extreme weather conditions is a high priority. "We encourage everyone, especially those most vulnerable to heat, to take advantage of these cooling centers and get some relief from the unusually hot weather."

Cooling centers will be opened at the following locations and times:

Kim Yerton Memorial Library (Hoopa)

370 Loop Road, Hoopa

Hours of Operation

Tuesday, July 2: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 3: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 4: Closed for the holiday.

Friday, July 5: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 6: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

Phone: 530-625-5082

Willow Creek Library

39 Mayfair St. (at Highway 299 & 96), Willow Creek

Hours of Operation

Tuesday, July 2: Closed

Wednesday, July 3: noon to 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 4: Closed for the holiday.

Friday, July 5: noon to 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 6: noon to 4 p.m.

Phone: 530-629-2146

Garberville Library

715 Cedar St., Ste. A, Garberville

Hours of Operation

Tuesday, July 2: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 3: noon to 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 4: Closed for the holiday.

Friday, July 5: noon to 6 p.m.

Saturday, July 6: noon to 4 p.m.

Phone: 707-923-2230

These cooling centers will be equipped with air conditioning, water, seating and reading materials to ensure a comfortable and relaxing environment. Library staff will be on hand to assist visitors and provide information on staying safe during extreme heat.

Residents are reminded to take precautions during high temperatures, including staying hydrated, wearing light clothing and avoiding strenuous activities during peak heat hours. Special attention should be given to children, the elderly and pets, who are more susceptible to heat-related illness.

For more information about the cooling centers or tips on staying safe during extreme heat, please visit humboldt.gov/emergency or contact the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES) at 707-268-2500.

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