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AREA COOLING CENTERS AVAILABLE IN EXTREME HEAT

Rockford, IL – Community Action announces cooling centers will again be available for residents in Boone and Winnebago Counties, ensuring the most vulnerable of our residents are safe during the hot summer days. The Centers offer air conditioned relief during periods of extreme heat or when an Excessive Heat Advisory or Warning is issued by the National Weather Service.

In addition, residents are encouraged to ensure their senior relatives, friends and neighbors, and others whose health may be affected by extreme heat, are safe during high temperature days. Churches and other organized groups are also encouraged to check-in on the well-being of their members

For energy saving ideas during the summer months, go to <https://energy.gov/energysaver/spring-and-summer-energy-saving-tips>.

Also, ComEd is offering their Hardship program which can provide up to \$1,000 on the electric bills of income eligible residents of Winnebago and Boone Counties who can prove a hardship in paying their bill. Call Community Action at 844-710-6919 for information or go to www.rockfordil.gov/human-services.aspx

The list of participating cooling sites is attached.

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Winnebago County Sites

The Carpenter's Place
1149 Railroad Ave – Rockford
Mon – Fri 8:30am - 3pm
815/964-4105

Rockford Rescue Mission Sites

Men's Crisis Center
715 W. State St. – Rockford
7am-7pm/7 days a week
815/316-4148

Women's Crisis Center
715 W. State St. - Rockford
8am-4pm/7 days a week
815/965-5332

Pilgrim Baptist Church
1703 S. Central Ave. – Rockford
Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm
815/968-4449

Village of Machesney Park
300 Roosevelt Rd – Machesney Park
Mon – Fri 8am – 4:30pm
815/877-5432

Pecatonica Village Hall
405 Main St. – Pecatonica
Mon – Fri 8:30am – 8:30pm
815/239-2310

Boone County Site

Salvation Army
422 S. Main St. – Belvidere
Mon – Fri 9am – 11:45am; 1pm – 4pm
815/544-3892