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Community Action Agency of Boone and Winnebago County Cooling Centers and Rockford Park District Spray Pad Sites

ROCKFORD, ILL. – In anticipation of the high temperatures forecasted for Thursday, July 21 and Friday, July 22, Community Action of Boone and Winnebago Counties has released an updated listing of cooling sites throughout the Winnebago and Boone County area this summer.

Cooling 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.

The Rockford Park District also has many free ways to help you beat the heat such as automatic spray pads (park sprinkler) that can be activated by the push of a button, regardless of temperature from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. Additionally, Rockford Park District has spray pads (park sprinkler) that can be activated based upon the heat index. When the heat index is at least 85 degrees, call Customer Service to request that the spray pad is turned on between 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. When the heat index is at least 95 degrees, the Rockford Park District will automatically activate the spray pads from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. When the heat index is over 100 degrees, the Rockford Park District will activate the spray pads from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information about a specific spray pad, please call Customer Service at 815-987-8800.

For more information about how to stay cool, healthy and safe this summer, visit www.keepcool.illinois.gov. Keep Cool Illinois informs Illinois residents, including the elderly, families with small children and persons with disabilities, how to prevent heat-related health problems, reduce their utility bills and participate in summer activities safely.

2016 Cooling Center List

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-5pm/7 days a week
815/965-5332

Public Safety Building
420 W. State St. – Rockford
Lobby Open
Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm

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 8am – 4:30pm
815/239-2310

Boone County Site

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

Rockford Park District Automatic Spray Pad Locations

- Beattie Playground (1251 Rural Street, Rockford, IL)
- Bloom School Playground (2901 Pelham Road, Rockford, IL)
- Brown Park (2010 North Main Street, Rockford, IL)
- Churchill Park (2002 7th Avenue, Rockford, IL)
- Harmon Park (1924 East Gate Parkway, Rockford, IL)
- Keye-Mallquist Park (1702 11th Street, Rockford, IL)
- Liberty Park (1555 Morgan Street, Rockford, IL)
- Mandeville Park (650 Montague Road, Rockford, IL)
- S. Henrietta Park (527 S. Henrietta Street, Rockford, IL)
- Washington Park (3617 Delaware Street, Rockford, IL)

Rockford Park District Heat Activated Spray Pad Locations

- Blackhawk Park (101 15th Avenue, Rockford, IL)
- Dahlquist Park (3251 Oak Grove Avenue, Rockford, IL)

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