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City of Rockford Human Services Department Announces Cooling Sites for 2011

ROCKFORD - The City of Rockford Human Services Department announces the availability of cooling sites throughout the city and surrounding area this summer. Cooling Sites offer air conditioned relief during periods of excessive heat or when an Excessive Heat Advisory or Warning is issued by the National Weather Service.

For more information about how to stay cool, healthy and safe this summer, go to www.keepcool.illinois.gov. The purpose of Keep Cool Illinois is to inform Illinois residents, especially 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.

The list of participating cooling sites is attached.

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2011 Cooling Centers List

<p>The Carpenter's Place 1149 Railroad Ave. Rockford 815/964-4105</p>	<p>Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Salvation Army 1706 - 18th Ave. Rockford 815/397-0440</p>	<p>7 days a week 9:00 am – 4:00 pm</p>
<p>Jubilee Center Park Ave. and N. Court St. Rockford 815/964-5520</p>	<p>Monday - Friday 9:00 am - NOON 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Salvation Army 422 S. Main St. Belvidere 815/544-3892</p>	<p>Monday - Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm</p>
<p>Winnebago County Justice Center 650 W. State St. Rockford</p>	<p>Lobby Open 24 hrs/7 days a week</p>	<p>Keen Age Center 2141 Henry Luckow Ln. Belvidere 815/544-9893</p>	<p>Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm</p>
<p>Public Safety Building 420 W. State St. Rockford</p>	<p>Lobby Open 8:00 am – 4:00 pm</p>		
<p>Rockford Rescue Mission Rockford 815/965-5332 Men's Crisis Center 715 W. State St. - Rockton Ave. Entrance 815/316-4148 24 hrs/7 days a week Women's Crisis Center 809 Cedar St. 815/986-0393 8:00 am – 5:00 pm/7 days a week</p>	<p>Most local State of Illinois facilities are available as cooling centers. Call the IL Dept. of Human Services hotline at 800-843-6154 for more information.</p>		