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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **COOLING CENTERS TO STAY OPEN DURING HOLIDAY WEEKEND**

ROCKFORD- The City of Rockford wants to remind the public of the availability of cooling sites throughout the city and surrounding area this summer. The following cooling sites will remain open for the Fourth of July Holiday Weekend:

Salvation Army  
1706 - 18th Ave.  
Rockford  
815/397-0440  
Hours: 9a.m. to 4 p.m./7 days a week

Winnebago County  
Justice Center  
650 W. State St.  
Rockford  
Hours: Lobby Open 24 hrs/7 days a week

Rockford Rescue Mission  
715 W. State St. - Rockton Ave. Entrance  
Rockford  
815/965-5332  
Hours: 24 hrs/7 days a week

Public Safety Building  
420 W. State St.  
Rockford  
Hours: Lobby Open 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

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. During these times of excessive heat, we ask that you please conduct welfare checks on family, friends, and neighbors, especially those who are elderly. We also ask that you take care of any pets, providing them with enough water and shade during these hot summer days.

For more information about how to stay cool, healthy and safe this summer, go to [www.keeppcool.illinois.gov](http://www.keeppcool.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.

## **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 - 18<sup>th</sup> 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>		