

CITY OF RENTON FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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City to open Renton Community Center as cooling center

The center will open from 2 to 9 p.m. this Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 26-28

RENTON, WA – The City of Renton will host a cooling center at [Renton Community Center](#) to help residents, especially seniors, cope with the [forecasted heatwave](#).

The community center (1715 Maple Valley Hwy, Renton, 98057) will be open from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 26-28. Capacity will be limited to 100 people. Temperatures are forecast to reach the mid-to-upper 90s on all three days. If conditions continue, additional days may be added.

Face coverings are recommended for all who enter the facility. City staff will have a supply of masks and water. Please bring personal entertainment devices (including headphones) and books and relax in an air-conditioned and quiet environment. Connection to the city's Wi-Fi will be available. Pets will be allowed if in carriers or on at least a 6-foot leash. Pets must be non-aggressive and continually supervised.

[King County Library System branches](#) are available as cooling shelters during regular business hours.

The [Renton branch](#) (100 Mill Avenues S) is open from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. The branch is closed on Mondays and Sundays.

The [Renton Highlands branch](#) (2801 NE 10th Street) is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays and from 1 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The branch is closed on Saturdays and open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

A [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) study showed seniors are more prone to heat stress. The CDC recommends making plans to move those at risk in a hot home, especially older adults who live alone or have limited mobility, to a cooler location during the day.

Also, check out tips from the [CDC](#), [American Red Cross](#), and [Washington State Department of Health](#) (DOH) for preventing heat-related illness and staying safe during a heat wave.

King County's Department of Emergency Management has prepared [extreme hot weather messaging in multiple languages](#).

- Amharic
- Khmer (Cambodian)
- Korean
- Laotian
- Oromo
- Russian
- Mandarin
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Thai
- Cantonese
- Vietnamese
- Somali
- Ukrainian
- Punjabi
- Farsi
- Japanese
- Hindi

About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 107,500 (2022), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace, and favorable business climate have attracted nationally recognized companies that wish to provide employees and their families with an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, Super Bowl Champion (2014) Seattle Seahawks, two-time (2016 & 2019) MLS champion and CONCACAF Champion (2022) Seattle Sounders FC (in 2024), and the eternal resting place of rock icon Jimi Hendrix. More information is on our [website](#), in [news releases](#), or on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Nextdoor](#).

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