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Dear Mayor and Council,

The City will be issuing the below information bulletin on Friday, June 5 regarding the City's plan to respond to extreme heat this summer.

Please keep this information bulletin embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account at 11 am, Friday.

Besides a information bulletin, there will be posts across City social media channels, and up-to-date information on Vancouver.ca/hotweather.

Chris will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Thanks,
Donny

Donny van Dyk (he/him)

City Manager

City of Vancouver

The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

City of Vancouver
Information bulletin
June 5, 2026

City of Vancouver shares tips to beat the heat



With warmer weather approaching, the City of Vancouver is reminding the public to plan ahead for summer heat.

While Environment Canada issues heat warnings when temperatures reach specific daytime and evening thresholds, it is important to be prepared for hot conditions at any time, as heat affects individuals differently.

The City encourages the public to review the following tips and resources to stay safe during hot weather.

How to stay cool

- Seek cooler air at community centres, public libraries or any other air-conditioned public space across the city, such as shopping malls, movie theatres or neighbourhood organizations. Visit or stay with family, friends or neighbours who have air conditioning.
- Stay hydrated. There are more than 200 permanent water fountains across Vancouver. Misting stations and additional drinking fountains are already operational.
- Second Beach and New Brighton outdoor pools are now open, with other outdoor City pools opening mid-June. City spray parks are open and wading pools will be opening soon. Push-button misting stations are also available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Seek shade under trees. Wear a wide-brimmed hat, lightweight loose clothing and sunscreen. Avoid strenuous exercise and being in direct sun during the hottest part of the day.
- When at home, block the sun by closing curtains or blinds during the day, and open windows in the evening to let in cooler air. Identify the coolest part of your home and make that a space where you can retreat to and rest. Options like making a cool kit or installing a portable air conditioner are also ways to remediate heat in your home.
- Stay informed. Download the Alertable app to receive alerts during heat warnings with information on City of Vancouver services and resources.

Find places to stay cool or get the most up-to-date information by checking vancouver.ca/hotweather or the City's social media channels (Threads, Instagram, Facebook and X).

Cooling centres

Community centres and library branches with air-conditioned spaces are available throughout the year during regular operating hours. Some facilities will extend opening hours during a heat event.

You don't need to register, pay, or show identification to visit a cooling centre. Seating, water, and access to washrooms are available at these locations.

Checking on people can be lifesaving

Extreme hot weather is a safety concern for everyone. However, some people can be more susceptible to heat than others, including older adults; people who live alone; people with chronic, underlying health conditions, including mental health conditions; and people with limited mobility and other disabilities.

We all have a role to play in supporting family, neighbours and friends during hot weather. Regularly check on

vulnerable people, ideally multiple times a day, and consider setting up a ‘heat buddy’ in your building.

Update on cooling rights for renters (June 3, 2026)

On June 3, City Council approved amendments to the Licence By-law to help tenants stay safe and comfortable during periods of hot weather. Landlords can no longer prohibit tenants from using portable air conditioners, when no centralized cooling is provided.

Landlords do not have to provide or install air conditioners; however, if they prohibit a tenant from using one in their unit, they may face enforcement action. This could include an order to comply and/or a municipal ticket with a $1,000 fine per offence. Tenants experiencing issues related to using a portable cooling device can submit a report to Van311 online or by calling 3-1-1.

In cases where landlords are unable to reasonably comply due to building limitations or safety concerns, an exemption process is available.

Air conditioners can help tenants, especially those most vulnerable to the effects of heat, to stay safe and comfortable during hot weather. For more information, please read the Council Report.

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