

The best way to stay safe in the summer heat is to spend time in a cool space and drink plenty of water. Use the “Where to Keep Cool” map to find free places to get relief from hot weather and stay hydrated in the City of Vancouver. The map contains the locations of cooling centres, misting stations, spray parks, wading pools, water fountains, hand washing stations and weather protected plazas that the City of Vancouver maintains during the summer.

What do the symbols on the map mean:

	<p>Cooling Centres are air-conditioned spaces at community centres, libraries or community partner organizations with seating, water, and access to washrooms. You do not need to register, pay, or show identification to visit a cooling centre, some accept well-behaved pets. Click on the location symbols to find amenities and accessibility information for each centre.</p> <p>NOTE: Indoor temperatures between 26 and 31 degrees Celsius can be dangerous for some people. If indoor temperatures are above 31 degrees go to an air-conditioned space like a cooling centre.</p>
	<p>Misting Stations help keep you cool when outside in hot weather by misting water on your skin and clothing. Misting stations are push button operated, available 24/7 and found along some pedestrian routes and parks. Misting stations also have bottle fillers to access drinking water to help you stay hydrated.</p>
	<p>Spray Parks are play areas in neighbourhood parks with water features that help keep you cool when outside in hot weather by spraying water on your skin and clothing.</p>
	<p>Wading Pools are shallow concrete tanks of water, in neighbourhood parks where you can access water to help stay cool.</p>
	<p>Water Fountains provide access to drinking water to help you stay hydrated, which is crucial for preventing heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heatstroke. There are over 200 permanent fountains across the City and additional temporary water fountains are added across from May-September.</p>
	<p>Handwashing Stations provide access to water for hygiene, hydration and cooling. Handwashing stations have bottle fillers to access drinking water to help you stay hydrated and water can be splashed on the skin or clothing for cooling.</p>
	<p>Weather Protected Plazas provide shaded spaces to spend time outside. These are year-round spaces providing shade in the summer and covered areas in the rain or snow.</p>
	<p>Irrigation Mistern at parks to provide misted water through the existing irrigation system for cooling in parks without other water features. Irrigation mistern are only activated during extreme heat emergency events, based on assessed need.</p>