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Yolo County Announces Places to Cool Down During Excessive Heat Wave

(Woodland, CA) – The US National Weather Service in Sacramento has issued an excessive heat warning from Saturday, September 3, from 11 am through Tuesday, September 6, at 8 pm. Yet, temperatures will start to rise today. Yolo County has a list of Places to Cool Down open to residents over the next six days.

Locations for Places to Cool Down can be found across Yolo County, including in Clarksburg, Davis, Esparto, Knights Landing, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland, and Yolo. Yolo County has a <u>GIS map with Places to Cool Down</u> that will update with any added locations.

The dry, hot weather will also create conditions for Fire Weather on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Residents should take care when near dry fuels to avoid using equipment, like lawnmowers or hauling equipment with chains that might spark and cause a fire.

The California ISO has announced that excessive heat will stress the energy grid, leading to possible unexpected power outages. As a result, the California ISO may announce flex alters to reduce power usage during peak hours, and Yolo County will post messages on social media if needed.

Residents should prepare for outages. PG&E has information and tips on how to prepare for outages at https://www.safetyactioncenter.pge.com/articles/11-tips-prepare-power-outage. The Yolo County Office of Emergency Services also has information at www.yolocounty.org/OES under the Summer Weather Resources tab.

Tips to stay cool during the heat way:

- Never leave children or pets alone in vehicles.
- Cover windows that receive sun
- Check on individuals who do not have air conditioning and those who live alone.
- Stay in the shade, postpone outdoor activities, and spend time in air-conditioned public buildings during the warmest part of the day.
- Stay hydrated, eat well-balanced meals, limit alcohol intake, and avoid salt tablets unless recommended by a physician.
- Supply pets with plenty of water and keep them indoors.
- Dress in lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Wear an SPF 15 or higher sunscreen and wide-brimmed hats for maximum protection

Residents can also dial Yolo 2-1-1 to find Places to Cool Down near them. Yolo County posts safety alert messages to Nextdoor, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>.

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