



# COUNTY OF YOLO

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## Yolo County Encourages Residents To Prepare For Excessive Heat

(Woodland, CA) - The US National Weather Service in Sacramento has issued an excessive heat warning for Yolo County from 11 a.m. Saturday, July 15, and lasting until 11 p.m. Sunday, July 16. Temperatures are expected to rise significantly in the coming days, posing potential health risks to residents. We want to ensure that our community stays safe and cool during this scorching period.

To ensure the well-being of our community, Yolo County, in collaboration with our partners, has taken proactive measures to provide relief and support during this heatwave. We encourage all residents to stay informed and take necessary precautions by following the guidelines outlined below:

- **Stay Informed:** Stay updated on the latest weather conditions and warnings by visiting the Yolo County Office of Emergency Services website at [yolocounty.org/OES](http://yolocounty.org/OES) and monitoring local news channels.
- **Find Cooling Locations:** Yolo County has established various Places to Cool Down across the region. A comprehensive GIS map with an updated list of cooling locations can be accessed at [yolocounty.org/cooldownyolo](http://yolocounty.org/cooldownyolo). These designated areas are available to residents seeking shelter from the extreme heat.
- **Protect Against Fire Hazards:** The dry and hot weather conditions increase the risk of fire hazards. Exercise caution when near dry fuels and refrain from using equipment that may cause sparks, such as lawnmowers or equipment with chains. Help prevent wildfires by staying vigilant and reporting any signs of fire immediately to local authorities.
- **Prepare for Power Outages:** The excessive heat may strain the energy grid, leading to potential power outages. Prepare in advance by visiting PG&E's website at [safetyactioncenter.pge.com/articles/11-tips-prepare-power-outage](http://safetyactioncenter.pge.com/articles/11-tips-prepare-power-outage) for tips on how to prepare for outages. Stay tuned to Yolo County's social media channels for any updates regarding flex alerts or power usage reduction announcements from the California Independent System Operator (ISO)

Now, here's some exciting news for you! Yolo County's Office of Emergency Services has partnered with Yolobus to bring you free rides this weekend. That's right! Yolobus will be offering free services from Friday through Sunday as part of our efforts to tackle the excessive heat. Hop on board and enjoy the cool comfort of Yolobus while getting around town.

- To Beat the Heat, Remember the Following:
- Never leave children or pets unattended in vehicles.

- Cover windows that receive direct sunlight to reduce heat indoors.
- Check on individuals without air conditioning, especially those living alone.
- Seek shade, avoid outdoor activities, and spend time in air-conditioned public buildings during the hottest parts of the day.
- Stay hydrated, eat well-balanced meals, limit alcohol intake, and consult a physician before taking salt tablets.
- Ensure pets have access to plenty of water and keep them indoors.
- Dress in lightweight, light-colored clothing to stay cool.
- Apply sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and wear wide-brimmed hats for maximum sun protection.

For immediate assistance in locating nearby cooling centers, residents can dial Yolo 2-1-1. Stay connected with Yolo County's safety alert messages by following us on Nextdoor, Facebook, and Twitter.

County staff are committed to your well-being and the well-being of our community. Together, let's stay cool, stay informed, and support one another during this intense heatwave.

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