



Public Service Announcement

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TOWN FINDS WAYS TO BEAT THE HEAT Heat warning prompts extra steps to keep community cool

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON —With the recent hot and humid weather, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville reminds residents that air-conditioned facilities as well as splash pads at select parks are available to help keep you cool.

Environment Canada has issued a Heat Warning for York Region and it is expected to continue through the Canada Day long weekend and into next week. Environment Canada says that humidex values in the mid-40s are likely this weekend.

The Town is advising area residents to take precautions to prevent heat-related illness during the heat warning. Remember to frequently visit neighbours, friends and older family members, especially those who are chronically ill, to ensure that they are cool and hydrated.

“Extreme heat can cause heat-related illnesses ranging from heat rashes to hot weather emergencies like heat stroke,” said Dr. Karim Kurji, York Region’s Medical Officer of Health. “Residents are advised to stay cool, hydrated and reduce outdoor physical activity during hot and humid weather.”

Recreation facilities will be operating on holiday hours this weekend, please see below for specific operational times.

Facility	Sat. June 30	Sun. July 1	Mon. July 2
Leisure Center – Pool	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Leisure Center - Cooling Station	8:30 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Leisure Center – Fitness	Closed	7:30 a.m. – noon	7:30 a.m. – noon
Leisure Center – Gymnasium	Closed	8:30 a.m. – noon	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For residents and visitors attending the weekend-long Strawberry Festival there will be opportunities to cool down such as misting tents and shaded areas. EMS crews will be available for those experiencing trouble during the heat.

Community parks with splash pads and wading pools include:

- Sunnyridge Neighbourhood Park, Sunnyridge Avenue and Hoover Park Drive
- Madori Neighbourhood Park, Millard Street and Winlane Drive
- Wheler's Neighbourhood Park, Hoover Park Drive and Mostar Street
- Byer's Pond Park, Byer's Pond Way and Hoover Park Drive
- Greenwood Parkette, Greenwood Road and Alderwood Street
- Coultice Park, Ninth Line and Musselman's Lake

Please remember to wear your sunscreen, dress appropriately for the weather and drink lots of water if you are attending Canada Day events or are spending time outdoors over the coming days.

For more information on this heat warning, please visit york.ca/extremeheat or contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 or TTY 1-866-512-6228.

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