

Wednesday, July 7, 2021
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



**CITY ESTABLISHES COOLING STATION TO ASSIST RESIDENTS DURING
EXCESSIVE HEAT**

Welland, ON – The City of Welland has established a cooling station to enable residents to get relief from the outdoors when a heat alert is in effect. When the Government of Canada issues a heat alert, the City’s cooling station will be available at the East Main Street Transit Terminal, 160 East Main Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. All those who enter the East Main Street Transit Terminal are encouraged to wear face coverings. Welland Transit washrooms are open and available to the public.

A heat alert is issued when the humidex is at least 40°C or higher for two consecutive days, or daily temperatures are expected to reach 31°C or higher for two consecutive days and overnight temperatures are at least 20°C or higher for two consecutive days.

It is recommended that you take precautions during extreme heat and humidity episodes to keep you and your family safe. Seniors, young children, and people with disabilities are most vulnerable to extreme heat and humidity. Pets are also vulnerable and depend on their owners to keep them safe. Do not leave children or pets unattended in a parked car.

Community members who are concerned about an individual or individuals who they have encountered that are homeless and unsheltered can call 2-1-1 to be connected with the Niagara Assertive Street Outreach Team or for more information visit <https://niagara.211centralsouth.ca/detail/?id=68531129&sa=area&searchLocation=St.+Catharines&searchTerms=NASO&latitude=43.1593745&longitude=-79.2468626>

For information on heat alerts, visit <https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/>

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