

Cooling Centers – Extreme Heat

Abington COA: 9-2 M-TH, 9-12 Friday at COA Community Room

- **Abington Police Station** Community Room Hours: Available as an overflow and for after-hours/nighttime relief when the Senior Center is closed.
- **Abington Fire Department on weekends** – call for hours

Avon COA: Regular hours Monday-Wednesday 8:30-4:30, Thursday 8:30-7:30, Friday 8:30-1:00. Call the fire department during extreme weather emergencies for extended hours.

- **Avon Public Library** The library features a comfortable, air-conditioned environment during its regular operating hours.

Bridgewater COA: Open during regular hours Monday-Thursday 9:00-3:00, Friday 9:00-12:00; open for additional hours in a heat emergency, contact for extended hours.

- **Bridgewater Public Library:** It is an excellent place to sit and cool off. They typically host "Stayin' Cool" sessions during heat waves with air conditioning and often provide ice water

Brockton COA: Open 9-4 Monday -Friday.

- **Brockton Public Library** during regular business hours (Monday-Tuesday 12:00 to 9:00; Wednesday 9-9; Thursday-Saturday 9:00-5:00).
- **Manning Center Pool** Contact COA for more information.

Carver COA: COA is not a cooling center. Carver does not have a designated site. In extreme weather contact Tom Walsh, Emergency Manager, 508-465-9100.

Cohasset COA – Monday – Friday 8:00am-4:00pm with extended hours activated during extreme emergencies

- **Paul Pratt Memorial Library** open to the public for cooling relief during standard operating hours

Duxbury COA: Regular hours Monday-Thursday 8:00-5:00, Friday 8:00-12:00. When cooling centers are activated, call for hours - the fire department takes over after closing.

- **Duxbury Free Library Amenities:** Air-conditioned public spaces. Great for cooling off during regular operating hours

East Bridgewater COA: Cooling center is at COA. In extreme weather call Town Hall at 508-378-1600 for hours and details.

Easton COA: Frothingham Hall 15 Barrows St. Call the fire department 508-230-3311 to get additional information for hours during extreme weather.

- **Ames Free Library** when the COA center isn't activated

Halifax COA: Hours 9:00-9:00. Call COA to verify hours during extreme heat.

- **Holmes Public Library** Summer Hours: Monday (10 am–8 pm), Tuesday (10 am–5 pm), Wednesday & Thursday (10 am–8 pm), Friday (10 am–2 pm), and Closed Saturday & Sunday

Hanover COA: Regular hours Monday 8:30-4:00, Tuesday and Friday 8:00-4:00 and Wednesday and Thursday 8:00-8:00. In emergencies there will be extended hours posted on the town's website Hanover MA | (hanover-ma.gov) and social media.

- **John Curtis Free Public Library** Tuesday 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM; Thursday-Friday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Hanson COA: Regular hours 8:30-4:30.

- Library

Hingham COA: Monday through Friday, with operating hours typically starting at 7:30 AM or 8:30 AM

- **Hingham Public Library** Generally open Monday through Tuesday from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM, and during the rest of the week (Wed-Fri) from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (subject to seasonal or holiday changes)

Holbrook Public Safety Building: Usually open during the day (e.g., 10 AM to 6 PM) during active heat advisories

- **Holbrook Town Hall:** Often serves as an additional cooling spot during regular business hours

Hull COA: Call ahead to ensure operations at (781) 925-1239

- **Hull Public Library:** Check their Library Website or call (781) 925-2295 to verify if their air-conditioned spaces are open to the public

Kingston COA: Regular hours Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30.

Lakeville COA: Available regular hours Monday-Friday 8-4. Call COA to confirm the change in hours in a heat emergency.

Marshfield COA: Regular hours Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30.

Middleboro COA: Regular hours Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30.

- **Middleborough Public Library:** Located at **102 N Main St.** You can utilize this fully air-conditioned space during operating hours (Monday–Thursday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, and Sunday 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM)
- **Old Colony YMCA - Middleboro:** Located at **61 E Grove St.** During prolonged, severe heat waves, local branches frequently open their doors as extended community cooling centers for both members and non-members.

Milton COA – Call for public hours. 617-898-4800

- **Milton Public Library** Monday to Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM Thursday: 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Norwell COA: Hours of operation generally align with normal business hours, but can be extended during heat emergencies

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Pembroke COA: Regular hours Monday 8:00-4:30.

Plymouth COA: Regular hours 8:00-4:00.

- **Main Library** 1132 South St. Monday-Wednesday 10:00am-9:00pm, Thursday 10:00-6:00, Friday/Saturday 10-5:30.
- **Manomet Library** 12 Strand Ave Monday and Wednesday 8:00-5:00, Thursday 9:00-9:00, Saturday 9:00-5:00. Community Room at the Cedarville Fire Station may be available, call Fire Department 508-830-4213 for details during heat emergency.
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Plympton COA: The COA is not a cooling center. In emergencies, the Community Room at the police station serves as one for the town.

Quincy COA: Typically serves as a primary daytime cooling center for residents when high-temperature thresholds are met.

- **Thomas Crane Public Library (Main Branch)** The main library and its branches are excellent, climate-controlled spaces for the public to beat the heat during open hours.
- **Yawkey Housing Resource Center (Father Bill's & MainSpring)** Frequently opens its doors as a cooling center for anyone in the community needing daytime relief during severe heat waves

Randolph Turner Free Library: Serves as a primary heat-relief location with comfortable air conditioning and water access. Summer Hours: Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM; Thursday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Closed on Sundays

Rockland COA: Open regular hours 8:00-4:00 Monday-Friday.

Scituate COA: Scituate Town Library: Scituate Town Hall: When an official heat wave or advisory is declared, the town updates its exact operating hours and locations Town of Scituate

Stoughton COA: Regular hours Monday-Wednesday 7:00-4:00, Thursday 7:00-7:00, Friday 7:00-12:00.

- **Stoughton Public Library** 304 S. Fourth St. Monday-Thursday 9:00-8:00, Friday 9:00-6:00, Saturday 9:00-5:00.

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Wareham COA: Available as cooling center for extended hours during extreme weather, call for hours.

West Bridgewater COA: Regular hours Monday-Friday 9:00-4:00.

Weymouth COA:

- **Tufts Library Hours:** Monday–Thursday 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- **Town Hall Hours:** Monday–Friday 8:30 AM – 11:00 PM (usually designated in the 2nd-floor Town Council chambers)

Whitman COA: Regular hours Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00, Friday 8:00-12:00

Disclaimer

OCES recommends that you investigate several of the providers listed to match their services with your specific needs and preferences. OCES also recommends that you ask providers to explain how their service has met the needs of individuals in similar circumstances and to check references when appropriate. OCES cannot guarantee the quality of provider or service and does not license, endorse or recommend any provider.