



PRESS release

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Cooling Stations Open in Akron

The City is urging residents with no air conditioning, fans, and/or electricity to seek shelter and stay cool. Akron has opened up some of their Community Centers for those that need to get out of the heat, and are asking residents to stay cool by visiting the Community Centers or local malls. With the record rainfall last night and the subsequent power outages, many people are left with no air conditioning and rising temperatures.

“I am urging people to go to the mall, a friend’s house, or our Community Centers to get out of the heat,” said Mayor Plusquellic. “We do not want our residents that cannot tolerate this heat to risk their health by staying in their homes, without electricity and without air conditioning or fans.”

Residents are encouraged to go to any of Akron’s Community Centers to stay cool, and the Summit Emergency Management Agency is working with the American Red Cross and has volunteers and cold water for residents at the Lawton, Firestone and

Kenmore Community Centers. These centers are open now and will remain open until the evening. The City is trying to open more cooling stations around town so that residents do not have to travel far to seek cool shelter. The list of places to stay cool will be updated as the Community Centers open.

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