

Heat Safety

Cooling Centers, Fans and Air Conditioners

Be sure to check local libraries and senior center's websites for most up to date hours! Many change their hours to accommodate community needs during extreme temperatures!

Cooling Centers in Worcester County 2026

Community cooling centers can provide temporary relief from extreme heat. Cooling centers should be located in air-conditioned buildings that are open to the public—this includes libraries, town halls, and senior centers.

-Mass.gov

ESWA'S SERVICE AREA & COOLING CENTERS

Worcester

Worcester Public Library (Main Branch)

3 Salem Square
Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9am-5:30 pm
Tues & Wed 9am-8:30pm

Worcester Public Library (Frances Perkins Branch)

470 West Boylston St.
Mon & Thurs 12pm-8:30pm
Tues, Wed, Fri 9am-5:30pm

Great Brook Valley Branch

89 Tacoma Street
Mon-Thurs 9 am - 12:30 pm & 2 - 5:30 pm.

Tatnuck Magnet Branch

1083 Pleasant St
Wed & Thurs 9am-5:30pm

Worcester Senior Center

128 Providence St.
Worcester, MA
Extended Hours 8am-5pm

Worcester 311 Customer Service Center –
799 Main St.

West Boylston

Beaman Memorial Public Library

8 Newton St.
West Boylston, MA
No extended hours at this time.

Tues-Thurs
10 am - 8 pm

Fri-Sat

10am-5pm (9am-12pm Summer Only)

West Boylston Senior Center

120 Prescott St
Monday-Friday 8:30 am-3:00 pm

Holden

Gale Public Library

23 Highland Street
Holden, MA

Monday: 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Tues-Wed: 9:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday - Independence Day: Closed

Saturday - Independence Day: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Holden Senior Center

1130 Main Street
Holden, MA

No extended hours, normal hours

Monday-Friday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Boylston

Boylston Public Library

695 Main Street
Boylston, MA

No extended hours at this time.

Tues, Weds & Thurs: 10am-8pm

Friday & Saturday 10am-5pm

Closed Sunday & Monday

Boylston Senior Center

Town House -next to Fire Station (back of
building)

599 Main Street

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Friday: Closed

Shrewsbury

Shrewsbury Public Library

609 Main St.
Shrewsbury, MA

Shrewsbury Senior Center

98 Maple Ave
Shrewsbury, MA
Mon, Wed, Thurs 8:00 a.m. to 4:30
p.m. Tues 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fri
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Grafton

Grafton Public Library

8 Newton St.
Grafton, MA

Monday through Thursday: 9 am to 8 pm

Friday: 9 am to 6 pm

Saturday: 9 am to 2 pm

Grafton Senior Center

30 Providence Road
Grafton, MA

No extended hours. Monday through Friday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Auburn

Auburn Public Library

369 Southbridge St.
Auburn, MA

Auburn Senior Center

4 Goddard Dr.
Auburn, MA

Wed & Thur hours 8:00 am-4:00 PM, Fri
hours are 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM.

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Stay Cool at Home Tips

- Drink plenty of water
- Eat Freeze Pops
- Keep the shades closed during the hottest parts of the day
- Wear lightweight clothing
- Take a cool shower
- Ask ESWA for a list of Fan & Air Conditioning resources.

Millbury

Millbury Public Library

128 Elm Street
Millbury, MA

No extended hours. Normal hours Monday
11:00 AM-6:00 PM
Tuesday-Thursday 10:00 AM-8:00 PM
Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sunday CLOSED

Millbury Senior Center

1 River Street
Millbury, MA

Wed to Thurs 10-8 and Friday 10-6 pm.

Leicester

Leicester Public Library

1136 Main Street
Leicester, MA

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30 am to 8:00 pm
Wednesday & Friday: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Closed Summer Saturdays (Memorial Day -
Labor Day) & most state/ federal holidays.

Leicester Senior Center

40 Winslow Ave
Leicester, MA

No Information On Cooling Centers at this
time. Normal hours Monday through Friday
9 am to 2 pm

Paxton

Richards Memorial Library

44 Richards Ave
Paxton, MA

Paxton Senior Center

17 West Street
Paxton, MA
Wed 9-5 pm Thurs 1-8 pm Fri 9-5

Oakham

Fobes Memorial Library

4 Maple Street #9
Oakham, MA

Tue, Wed, Thurs from 10:00 AM-
7:00 PM. Closed Sat.

Oakham Senior Center

2 Coldbrook Road
Oakham, MA

Elder Lunch 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM,
Mon- Thur. Will stay open later if
needed.

Barre

Woods Memorial Library

19 Pleasant Street
Barre, MA

Barre/Hardwick Senior Center

557 S Barre Rd
Barre, MA

Mon- Thu 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM. Fri.
8:00 AM-2:00 PM. Closed this Fri.

Barre Police Dept.

Cooling center in training room
of Barre Police Dept, for Oakham
and Barre
Wed - Sunday
from 8:00 AM- 8:00 PM

Rutland

Rutland Public Library

280 Main Street
Rutland, MA

Rutland Senior Center

53 Glenwood Rd
Rutland, MA

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Friday 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Rutland Fire Dept. will open as a cooling
center as needed. No set hours.

New Braintree

New Braintree Public Library

45 Memorial Dr
New Braintree, MA

Mon 12:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Thurs 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Sat 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CLOSED TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY
and SUNDAY

Hardwick

Paige Memorial Library

87 Petersham Rd
Hardwick, MA

Barre/Hardwick Senior Center

557 S Barre Rd
Barre, MA

Mon- Thu 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM. Fri. 8:00 AM-
2:00 PM. Closed this Fri.