



2025 Severe Hot Weather Response

Task Force Process, Response & Changes



Severe Weather Task Force

Council for the Homeless facilitates the Severe Weather Task Force with CRESA, Clark County, the City of Vancouver, coordinated outreach, and community warming and cooling partners to ensure the safety of our unhoused neighbors during severe weather events.



Hot Weather Response

Severe Hot Weather was called for 11 days between June 30 to August 26, 2025 with seven partners responding throughout.



Procedure Changes

- Adopted the heat index criteria
 - using temperatures and humidity to inform alerts
 - aligning with public health guidance on when and how heat impacts the body
- Cooling centers and misting stations incorporated in Public Health's heat map
- Expanded coordination between outreach, Housing Hotline, and cooling centers/misting stations
- Coordination of supplies and tracked needs
- Added a pop-up window on the Council for the Homeless website



Looking Ahead

Future Task Force Work: shared messaging, safety handouts, grant exploration, continued training development for all partners, and smoke/fire response.

11 Days of Severe Hot Weather

Cooling Centers:

Live Love at Living Hope Church (8 days)

Mill Plain United Methodist Church (8 days)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (4 days)

Misting Stations:

The Outpost by Outsiders Inn (6 days)

The Couve Collective (4 days)

Homeward Bound by Live Love (5 days)

Hope Village by Live Love (5 days)

Donations & Supplies:

Community members and Clark County Community Services have ensured we have supplies during each severe weather event. We are grateful for donations, including the large water donation we received from the Cowlitz Tribe.