

EMD BULLETIN



Emergency Management Department

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TO: Emergency Operations Board
Emergency Management Committee

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SUBJECT: **HOT WEATHER BULLETIN #2**

The hot conditions will continue across Southwestern California through Thursday with widespread readings above 100 degrees across many inland areas. By Friday and through the weekend, the will experience a cooling trend, but temperatures will remain above seasonal normal. On Wednesday through Friday the influx of monsoonal moisture will bring the possibility of mountains and desert thunderstorms during the afternoon and evening hours. Given the hot and dry conditions, the possibility of thunderstorms will result in a heightened fire weather risk.

The peak of the heat wave is predicted to occur Tuesday through Wednesday when the following high temperatures are expected:

- Valleys: 92 degrees – 105 degrees Fahrenheit
- Lower mountains: 90 degrees – 105 degrees Fahrenheit
- Antelope Valley: 100 degrees – 107 degrees Fahrenheit

This upcoming heat event activates the City of Los Angeles' Extreme Heat and Cold Guidelines at the Phase Two level. The Emergency Management Department (EMD) will monitor the situation and issue EMD Bulletins as necessary. City Departments are asked to review the Extreme Heat and Cold Guidelines which can be found at: <http://insidela.ci.la.ca.us/eoo/eooeoo2f.htm>

Heat may worsen the affects of poor air quality in areas of heavy smog. If you plan to be outdoors, take precautions to protect yourself from the heat. During hot weather, there is an increased risk of heat exhaustion, heat cramps and sunstroke. It is recommended that firefighters, police officers and City employees who work outdoors hydrate prior to and during

About the Emergency Management Department (EMD)

The Emergency Management Department was established by ordinance in 2000 by the City Council and Mayor. EMD is dedicated to leading the City in comprehensive emergency management including: planning, mitigation, preparation, response to and recovery from natural, manmade and accidental incidents of high consequence.

their assigned shifts. Children and the elderly are particularly vulnerable during heat waves. City employees are advised to evaluate all situations where children and the elderly may be exposed to excessive heat and call 911 when appropriate.

Designated City facilities are utilized as cooling centers to provide the public with relief from the heat. City facilities are always open to the public during regular business hours. During periods of high temperatures, the City may extend the hours of facilities beyond regular business hours.

Recreation and Parks (RAP) Facilities

Hours of operation vary by facility. The public can find specific hours of operation at www.laparks.org. RAP facilities are physically accessible. Staff will work in coordination with the Department on Disability to provide reasonable accommodation to ensure programmatic accessibility and effective communication for people with disabilities, access and functional needs. If it is determined that there is a need for RAP facilities to remain open beyond regular business hours, RAP will make recommendations on which facilities should extend their hours.

Library Facilities

The hours of operation for libraries vary by facility. The general public should visit www.lapl.org/branches or call (213) 228-7000 for specific hours of operation. Library personnel will work in coordination with the Department on Disability to provide reasonable accommodation to ensure programmatic accessibility and effective communication for people with disabilities, access and functional needs.

At present, no facilities are extending their hours beyond normal business hours.

Public information is also available at:

- ReadyLA (<http://www.readyla.org/>)
- Twitter (<http://twitter.com/readyla>)
- Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/readylaemd>)
- EMD Website (<http://emergency.lacity.org>)
- InsideLA (<http://insidela.ci.la.ca.us/eoo/>)

EMD will continue to monitor the weather and the EMD Duty Officer can be contacted 24 hours a day at (213) 200-6414 or emddutyofficer@lacity.org

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