

The <u>National Weather Service</u> has issued a heat advisory due to weather forecasts of a multi-day period of dangerous heat and humidity with heat indices ranging between 95 and 106 degrees across Massachusetts, including Worcester County. This period of potentially dangerous heat begins on Tuesday, June 18th and persists through Friday, June 21st.

If you need emergency assistance, please reach out to Northborough Emergency Services.

For All Emergencies: 911

Non-Emergencies:

Fire Department: (508) 393-1537 Police Department: (508) 393-1515 Cooling Center: Northborough Free Library 34 Main Street (508) 393-5025 Hours: Tues and Wed 9:30am – 8:30pm Thurs and Fri 9:30am – 5:00pm

For updates and if the Town of Northborough opens additional emergency cooling centers, information will be provided through the local cable channel, the Fire Department's social media pages, and the town website under news and alerts.

If you have not yet signed up for Town News or Alerts, please do so using the following links:

Town News / Notify Me: <u>https://www.town.northborough.ma.us/subscribe</u>

Code Red Alerts: <u>https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/0DF233CD2AC5</u>

Northborough Fire Department Social Media

Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/Northborofire</u>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/northboroughfire/

Extreme heat can be dangerous if proper precautions are not taken. In extreme heat and high humidity, the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature. This can lead to heat cramps, heat exhaustion, or heat stroke.

To reduce the risks of heat related illness, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health recommend residents to:

- Minimize time spent outdoors, especially during the hottest parts of the day.
- Drink plenty of water. Avoid alcoholic beverages and liquids high in sugar or caffeine
- Seek out air-conditioned buildings like libraries and community centers.
- Never leave children or pets in the car alone -temperatures will rise quickly.
- If you must be outdoors, limit your outdoor activity to the morning and evening hours. Try to rest often in shady areas so your body temperature will have a chance to recover. Use sunscreen with a high SPF and wear a wide-brimmed hat.
- Know the symptoms of and watch out for heat-related illnesses. Call 9-1-1 to report any emergencies.

For more tips to stay safe in extreme heat and to learn how to recognize and respond to heat-related illnesses, visit<u>www.mass.gov/info-details/extreme-heat-safety-tips</u>.