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Residents urged to continue practicing heat and wildfire smoke safety

Environment Canada has issued a [special weather statement](#) and [special air quality statement](#) for the North Okanagan, including Vernon. Daytime high temperatures for the next few days are expected to be in the mid-to-high 30's Celsius with overnight lows in the mid-to-high teens. Many regions across the province are also being impacted by smoke from wildfires.

The health and safety of our residents, visitors and tourists is the City's top priority. Therefore, everyone is being urged to continue practicing heat and wildfire smoke safety and to seek cool indoor spaces with cleaner air.

In response to the statements from Environment Canada, the City of Vernon will be opening Kal Tire Place on Saturday for people who may want to walk the concourse or sit and rest for a while in the seats. Walking hours will also be slightly extended on Thursday and Friday this week, to 6:00 pm both days. **The following public indoor spaces will be accessible for those who may be seeking reprieve from the heat or smoke:**

Thursday, July 29

- Kal Tire Place: 8am – 6pm
- Okanagan Regional Library (Vernon Branch): 10am – 9pm
- Village Green Shopping Centre: 10am – 7pm

Friday, July 30

- Kal Tire Place: 8am – 6pm
- Okanagan Regional Library (Vernon Branch): 10am – 5:30pm
- Village Green Shopping Centre: 10am – 7pm
- Schubert Centre (for seniors): 10am – 2pm

Saturday, July 31

- Kal Tire Place: 8am – 6pm
- Okanagan Regional Library (Vernon Branch): 10am – 5:30pm
- Village Green Shopping Centre: 10am – 5pm

For more information on [heat safety](#) and [wildfire smoke safety](#), please visit the BC Centre for Disease Control website.