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Several options available to escape the heat during the long weekend in Vernon

As we get ready to start the BC Day long weekend, the City of Vernon would like to offer a reminder of where members of the public can escape the heat and find some cool reprieve throughout the community. A number of public facilities will be open over the next several days, and there are a number of publicly accessible drinking water sources available throughout town.

Kal Tire Place remains open as a drop-in community cooling centre. Members of the public are welcome to visit the arena and walk the concourse or rest in the seating area to find temporary relief from the heat and access to water.

Individuals who may be most impacted by this heat event include seniors, children, those with underlying medical conditions, and those who do not have access to alternative air conditioned shelter. The City encourages those who need access to the cooling centre to use the facility.

Cooling centre location and hours of operation:

- Kal Tire Place is located at 3445 43rd Avenue.
- Open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily, until Monday, August 1.
- Access to the facility will be the main entrance on the east side of the building.

What should I bring to the cooling centre?

A limited supply of bottled water will be available for the public. However, we encourage everyone to bring a water bottle that can be filled at a water refill station on the concourse.

Parents with children are encouraged to bring books, small games, activities, or snacks for their kids.

Is the cooling centre pet friendly?

Yes. Animals may be brought to the cooling centre to find relief from the heat. Please note that pet owners must stay with their animals, and the animals must be in a kennel (which will be located in a designated area of Kal Tire Place).

Pet owners are asked to bring a leash, water bowl, food, and treats for their pet, as necessary. The City has worked with community partners to bring in additional resources, such as water bowls and kennels, but supplies are limited.

Transportation assistance

For those who may be facing transportation challenges to access the cooling centre, Vernon Regional Transit has established a shuttle service, at no cost to the user. The shuttle will take Vernon residents to and from the cooling centre or the public library, and is available for service from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, until Monday, August 1. This shuttle is not available for other destinations.

Riders may bring their pet on board the shuttle if they are traveling to Kal Tire Place. Please remember that pets must remain on leash.

To access the shuttle service, please call **250-309-8503**, and provide a clearly identifiable location for pickup (i.e., a residential or business address or a cross street).

Where else can I find an indoor space to cool down?

Friday, July 29

- Kal Tire Place: open until 9 p.m.
- Vernon Aquatic and Recreation Centre: open until 9 p.m.
- Village Green Shopping Centre: open until 8 p.m.
- Okanagan Regional Library, Vernon Branch: open until 5:30 p.m.
- Schubert Centre: open until 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 30

- Kal Tire Place: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Vernon Aquatic and Recreation Centre: 12 – 4 p.m.
- Village Green Shopping Centre: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Okanagan Regional Library, Vernon Branch: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 31

- Kal Tire Place: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Vernon Aquatic and Recreation Centre: 12 – 4 p.m.
- Village Green Shopping Centre: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Okanagan Regional Library, Vernon Branch: 1 – 5 p.m.

Monday, August 1

- Kal Tire Place: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Vernon Aquatic and Recreation Centre: 12 – 4 p.m.
- Village Green Shopping Centre: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Okanagan Regional Library, Vernon Branch: 1 – 5 p.m.

When and where are the pop-up spray parks available?

[Pop-up spray parks](#) will be available at Lakeview Park (3001 18th Street) between today and Sunday, July 31. Hours of operation:

- Friday, July 29: 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Saturday, July 30 – Sunday, July 31: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

More information about the pop-up spray park program is available at www.vernon.ca/news.

Where can I find publicly accessible water fountains and bottle refill stations?

- Polson Park – close to the band shell, across from the Pavilion (2600 Highway 6)
- Downtown washroom at 30th Avenue / 35th Street
- Bus loop downtown washroom at 31st Avenue / 30th Street
- DND Park (Falaise Drive – access off Mission Road)
- Marshall Fields – at the back of the soccer building near the washrooms (6891 Okanagan Landing Rd)
- Ranger Park (1900 47th Avenue)

Where can I find publicly accessible washrooms with potable water?

- MacDonald Park (43rd Avenue / 27th Street)
- Alexis Park (3951 Alexis Park Dr)
- Grahame Park (5700 Okanagan Ave)
- Polson Park (2600 Highway 6)
- Kin Beach Park (7248 Tronson Rd)
- Paddlewheel Park (7815 Okanagan Landing Rd)
- Marshall Fields (6891 Okanagan Landing Rd)

For additional information on the City's response to the heat event and to find tips on how to stay safe from heat-related illness, visit the City's website at www.vernon.ca.