

# Hot Weather Response Annex

## Wallingford, Vermont

2022

### 1. Overall Responsibility

The Emergency Management Director (EMD) and Selectboard Chair share primary responsibility for implementing this response annex. In the absence of the EMD, the Town Health Officer shall assume responsibility for implementing the annex, working with the Selectboard Chair as necessary.

<b>Name</b>	Jim Bagnall	Trisha Nash	Nelson Tift
<b>Title</b>	EMD	Town Health Officer	Selectboard Chair
<b>Primary contact</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>Secondary contact</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

### 2. Community Cooling Facilities

Local cooling facilities can be an essential resource for community members that do not have access to air-conditioning and need extra assistance to stay safe during hot weather. Below are locations that may be activated during a hot weather event.

	<b>Location(s)</b>	<b>Activating Condition</b>	<b>Additional notes</b>
<b>Cool Places</b> (air-conditioned and operating as usual during normal hours)	Gilbert Hart Library 14 S. Main Street	Heat Advisory	Electrical outlets, restrooms, water, handicap access
<b>Cooling Centers</b> (specifically advertised for cooling and offers extra amenities)	Town Hall 75 School Street 2 <sup>nd</sup> level meeting room	Heat Advisory	Electrical outlets, restrooms, water, handicap access
<b>Outdoor Sites</b> (beach, pool, spray pad, shaded park)	Elfin Lake Off Route 140W	Heat Advisory	Open daily from June 18, 2022 to August 20, 2022
<b>Cooling Shelters</b> (provide overnight accommodations)	None		

### 3. Overview of Actions, Triggers, and Responsibilities

There are two types of triggers for hot weather events: **heat advisory** and **heat warning**. A Heat Advisory is when the forecasted heat index is greater than or equal to 95° up to 104°. A Heat Warning is defined as when the forecasted heat index is 105° or greater.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Trigger</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Public Outreach - seasonal awareness	First forecasted heat index of 85° each year	EMD or Town Health Officer
Public Outreach - advisory	Heat Advisory	Town Health Officer

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Activate Cooling Facility – Gilbert Hart Library, Town Hall, and/or Elfin Lake (see Section 2)	Heat Advisory	EMD or Town Health Officer
Activate Vulnerable Populations Communication Protocol (see Section 5)	Heat Advisory	EMD or Town Health Officer
Consider Activity Modification (see Section 6)	Heat Advisory	Town Administrator
Activity Modification (see Section 6)	Heat Warning	Town Administrator
Mobilize Emergency Personnel (see Section 7)	Heat Warning	EMD or Town Health Officer

#### 4. Communications Plan

All hot weather response communications should be conducted in accordance with the Public Information and Warning section of the current Wallingford Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP).

<b>Source(s) for example outreach messages</b>	<a href="#">Hot Weather Media Toolkit</a> (Vermont Dept of Health) <a href="#">Extreme Heat – Ready.gov</a> (US Dept of Homeland Security)
<b>Who is responsible for customizing and sending outreach?</b>	Customizing: EMD and Town Health Officer Sending: Town Administrator; Clerk; Health Officer
<b>How will outreach be sent to the community?</b>	See LEMP Public Information & Warning
<b>When should messages be sent?</b>	Awareness messaging: 1-2 days prior to the first day of the year with a forecasted heat index of at least 85° F  Advisory/Warning: Within 2 hours of NWS issuance Send additional messaging at 8:00 am each day the Advisory or Warning is in effect until it expires
<b>Other communications notes</b>	

#### 5. Response Plan for People Needing Extra Assistance

#### 6. Activity Modification/Cancellation Plans

#### 7. Emergency Personnel Mobilization Plans

#### 8. Training, Evaluation, and Maintenance