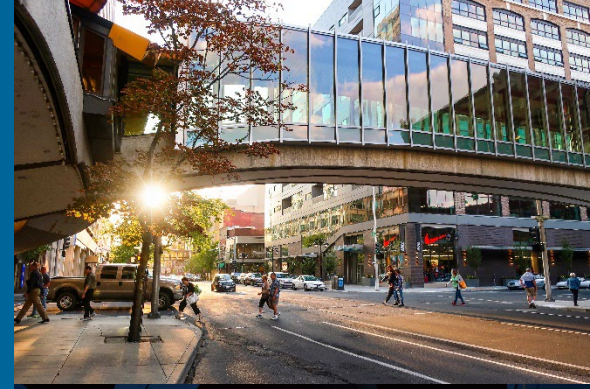




City of Spokane Emergency Management

Inclement Weather Sheltering & Relief Activation Costs 2021-2024
June 2026





SMC Inclement Weather Activation Protocols

SMC 02.04.045 Trigger	Threshold
Extreme Cold	Forecast wind chill $\leq 32^{\circ}\text{F}$
Extreme Heat	Heat index $\geq 95^{\circ}\text{F}$ for 2+ consecutive days
Poor Air Quality	AQI ≥ 201
Severe Weather	Mayor determines conditions pose a significant threat to people living unsheltered

Relief Spaces Overview

Weather Relief Centers serve as temporary daytime respite spaces, open to all community members for access to cooling, warming, cleaner air, hydration, device charging

Overnight Shelters serve as continuous shelter operations, primarily support people experiencing homelessness or living unsheltered. Provides access to a safer place to sleep during nighttime hours and often includes additional support services.

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Cooling Space Activations 2021 & 2024

2021 Cooling Centers

- Riverfront Park party rooms used as cooling spaces
- 28 activation days (June–August)
- Peak occupancy: 43 guests
- Staffed by parks employees and spontaneous community volunteers

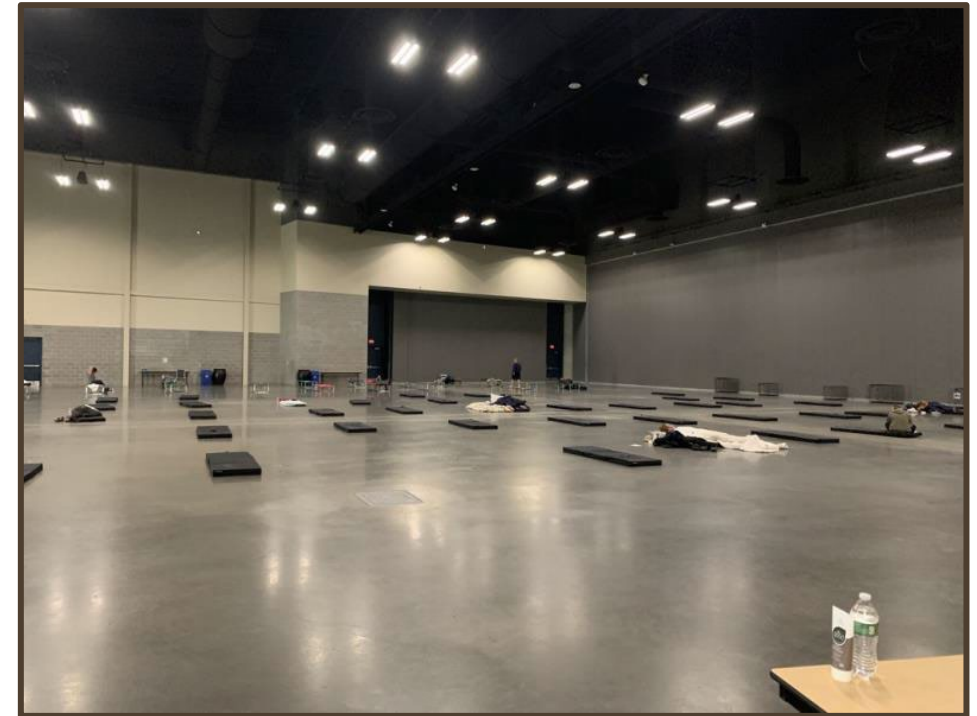
2024 Cooling Strategy

- **Pools**
 - Free 3-hour swim access on Saturdays
 - Activated twice; 6 pools one day, 3 pools the other
- **Libraries**
 - Expanded library operating hours on weekends during heat events (expanded weekend hours from 12pm-4pm to 10am-7pm)***
 - 10 activation days across five weekends

*** Library hours are now 9am-6pm on Saturdays, Sundays remain 12pm-4pm 😊

Safer Air Center Activation 2020

- Spokane Convention Center activated September 13–18, 2020
- Operated 24 hours/day for six days
- **Provided:**
 - Cleaner indoor air
 - Three meals daily
 - Pet accommodations
 - Connections to social services
- **Staffing**
 - City HHS
 - Emergency Management
 - Mayor's Office
 - Contracted security
 - Spokane Police Department
- More than 100 guests on the highest-attendance day





Activation Costs

Safer Air Space 2024: Total cost ~42K

- Convention Center total rental cost: \$31,803 (about \$5,300/day)
- SPD unit cost: estimated \$10,000 (\$69/hour)
- Storage pod container: ~\$200/week
- Meals

Cooling Spaces

- **2021:** Riverfront park cooling: \$5,600 (across 28 activation days, about \$200/day)
- **2024****
 - Pools: Total Cost= \$3,018 (\$550/pool)
 - Libraries: Total Cost= \$9,163 (about \$917/day)
 - General staff charge per hour, utility surcharge per hour and security cost flat rate per day

****In 2024, all cooling costs were covered under a state EM grant pilot, program not renewed.**