



Lexington Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention Emergency Weather Plan 2017-2018

This Emergency Weather Plan provides a coordinated response for times when extreme cold or hot weather create additional, immediate need for expanded capacity to assist people experiencing homelessness in Lexington. Extreme temperatures often force people to seek shelter who may not otherwise seek assistance. In some cases, people struggling with mental illness may not seek shelter and require additional intervention for their own safety. This plan ensures Lexington is prepared for these situations.

The Emergency Weather Plan will be activated when measures of extreme temperatures are reached or when other severe weather conditions take place. Extreme temperature will be defined as:

- Any day when the temperature low is expected to fall below 32 degrees, or
- Any day when the temperature high is expected to exceed 90 degrees.

The wind chill and heat index will be not taken into account in the determining temperature. Decisions about severe weather that takes place on days outside of extreme temperature situations will be made by the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention in consultation with the appropriate authorities.

Any time the plan has been activated, the Office of Homelessness will notify local media, provide updates on social media, and notify all organizations that work with people experiencing homelessness.

It's important to note that, unless otherwise stated, these shelters and services are always available to people in Lexington who experience homelessness. The Emergency Weather Plan activates some changes such as transportation or extended hours but Lexington is fortunate to have a strong network of shelters and service providers that is able to meet most needs even during weather emergencies. See the table at the end of this document for a full comparison of services available.

Donations for Extreme Weather

Public donations can be dropped off at any participating agency. In general, agencies will be in need of the following:

Winter:

- Blankets
- Hats
- Winter Boots/Shoes
- Gloves
- Socks
- Scarves

Summer

- Sunscreen
- Deodorant
- Bottled Water
- Baseball Hats – Summer Shade Hats

Emergency Shelters

Emergency shelters welcome all eligible people during emergency weather including former residents under suspension for behavioral or programmatic reasons. Exceptions may include individuals suspended for violence and decisions will be made case by case but providers and OHPI will collaborate to ensure emergency shelter is available for anyone in need.

**Emergency Weather Plan
2017-2018**

	Consistent Services	Additional Emergency Weather Plan Services (This services are in additional to consistent services and only occur when OHPI activates the emergency weather plan) Emergency Cold (Low Temp Below 32): 101 days Emergency Heat (High Temp Above 90): ___ days
Emergency Shelters	<p>Women and Women with Children: <i>Salvation Army</i> Meals, showers, warm clothing as available</p> <p>Men: <i>Hope Center</i> Clothing, meals, on-site clinic, non-medical detox, employment information, programming</p> <p>Men and Women: <i>Catholic Action Center</i> Meals, showers, phone service, connection to social services</p> <p>Children Ages 6 weeks to 17 years: <i>Arbor Youth Services'</i> Case management</p>	<p>24-hour emergency shelters welcome all eligible people during emergency weather including former residents under suspension for disciplinary or programmatic reasons.</p> <p>Exceptions may include individuals suspended for violence and decisions will be made case by case but providers and OHPI will collaborate to ensure emergency shelter is available for anyone in need.</p>
Day Shelters/ Cooling Stations	<p>Adults 18 years and over <i>New Life Day Center</i> <u>Operating Hours:</u> Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.; Saturday 8:30 am to 11:30 am Employment information, clothing, medical care, Social Security, storage lockers</p> <p><i>Catholic Action Center</i> <u>Operating Hours:</u> 8:00 am to 9 pm Basic Needs, lockers, storage</p> <p>Youth 18 to 25 years and their children <i>Arbor Youth Services Street Outreach Center</i> <u>Operating Hours:</u> Daily 10 am to 4 pm (extended hours as needed) Case management</p>	<p>Salvation Army 736 West Main Street Lexington, KY 40508 859-252-7706 Offers a cooling station including water from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm for single women and women with children without the requirement of residency.</p> <p>Hope Center 360 West Loudon Avenue Lexington, KY 40508 859-252-7881 Offer a cooling station including water and food for single males without requirement of residency.</p> <p>Catholic Action Center 1055 Industry Road Lexington, KY 40505 859-255-0301 Offers a cooling station including water and food for single males and females from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.</p> <p>Arbor Youth Services Street Outreach Center Ages 18-24 540 West Third Street Lexington, KY 40508 859-254-2501</p>

		<p>Offers a cooling station with basic needs including water for those youth ages 18-24 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm – Monday through Friday.</p> <p>Arbor Youth Services Emergency Shelter Ages 6 weeks to 17 323 South Upper Street Lexington, KY 40507 859-254-2501 Offers a cooling station including water for those 17 years of age and under, 24/7/365.</p>
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>None</p>	<p><u>HopeMobile</u> – transportation to emergency shelter, cooling station, provides blankets, food, water and other materials. Operates Monday through Friday during the day. 859-252-7881</p> <p><u>Street Outreach</u> – transportation to emergency shelter, cooling station, provides blankets, food, water and other materials. Operates Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 11:00 pm. 859-475-7173</p> <p><u>Compassionate Caravan</u> – transportation to emergency shelter, cooling station, provides blankets, food, water and other materials. Operates as needed for cold extreme weather, for hot extreme weather operates Saturday and Sunday.</p> <p><u>Lextran</u> - People in need of a ride to a shelter/day center may board Lextran buses at no charge.</p>

Consistent Services, Detailed

Unaccompanied Women and Women with Children

*Salvation Army
736 W. Main Street
Lexington, KY 40508
859-252-7706*

- Services Available: emergency shelter, meals, showers, clothing as available.

Unaccompanied Men

*Hope Center
360 W. Loudon Avenue
Lexington, KY 40508
859-252-7881*

- Services Available: emergency shelter, clothing, meals, on-site HealthFirst clinic, non-medical detox, employment information, access to Hope Center programming (Veteran's Program, Mental Health, Men's Recovery, Employment, Social Services), and other services as needed. Emergency shelter will have expanded capacity during inclement weather.

Unaccompanied Men and Women

*Catholic Action Center
1055 Industry Road
Lexington, KY 40505
859-255-0301*

- Services Available: emergency shelter, meals, showers, phone service, connection to social services. Emergency shelter will have expanded capacity during inclement weather.

Children and Youth Ages 6 weeks to 17 years

*Arbor Youth Services
323 South Upper Street
Lexington, KY 40507
859-254-2501*

- Services Available: Emergency shelter and individualized attention to secure basic needs and appropriate shelter.

Day Shelters

Day Shelters are facilities open during daytime hours as a place for individuals with no other place to seek refuge from emergency weather conditions. Each facility may have its own eligibility criteria for entrance.

New Life Day Center

224 North Martin Luther King Blvd.

Lexington, KY 40508

859-721-2325

- Operating Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am to 11:30 am
- Services: Connections to employment, clothing, medical care, Social Security, and other resources; storage lockers available.

Catholic Action Center

1055 Industry Road

Lexington, KY 40505

859-255-0301

- Normal Operating Hours: 8:00 am to 10:00 pm – residents must check in for shelter bed by 9:30 pm.
- Services: Meals, Showers, Phone Service, Connection to Social Services.

Arbor Youth Services Street Outreach Center

(Youth 18-25 years old and their children)

540 West Third Street

Lexington, KY 40508

859-254-2501

- Operating Hours: Daily 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (extended hours as needed – no one turned out to the street)
- Services: Individualized attention to secure basic needs and appropriate shelter.