OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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Cooling Sites Locations 2026

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The County of Madera, City of Madera, and City of Chowchilla have established the following locations as Cooling Sites during times of extreme summer heat. The locations will be open the days and times of the week as indicated on the list provided below. Other locations may be opened on an "as need" basis and will be announced through the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services. Cooling Sites are closed on holidays unless otherwise indicated.

COUNTY LOCATIONS: The Sheriff's Office front lobby will be open for the public to come in and use as a cooling site. Please see the list below for the locations. For more information or if special needs exist, please contact the Sheriff's Office at (559) 675-7770.

Madera County Locations

Name	Address	Days	Times
Sheriff's Office - Headquarters	2725 Falcon Drive Madera, CA 93637 559-675-7770	Monday to Friday	8am to 5pm
Library – Madera Ranchos	37398 Berkshire Drive Madera, CA 93636 559-645-1214	Tuesday – 11am to 6pm Wednesday & Thursday – 11am to 5pm Friday & Saturday – 11am to 3pm	
Sheriff's Office – Oakhurst Substation	48267 Liberty Drive Oakhurst, CA 93644 559-658-2555	Monday to Friday	8am to 5pm

******For after-hours and weekend needs, please contact Sheriff's Dispatch Center at (559)-675-7770******

CITY OF CHOWCHILLA: Residents within the City of Chowchilla needing individual assistance during extreme hot weather are urged to call the Chowchilla Police Department at (559) 665-8600.

The City of Chowchilla does not operate specific cooling centers. Individual needs will be handled by the Police Department personnel.

When necessary, in response to an emergency situation and in accordance with the City's Emergency Plan, the City of Chowchilla Police Department will establish appropriate facility options and notify residents of these options to facilitate their comfort and safety needs.

CITY OF MADERA: Residents within the City of Madera needing individual assistance during extreme hot weather are urged to call the Madera Police Department at (559) 675-4220.

Heat-Related Emergency Tips

- Children up to age 4, people taking certain medications, persons with disabilities, and seniors ages 65 and over are particularly less able to cope with hotter weather and should be monitored throughout the day for signs of heat-related illness.
- Regardless of your activity level, drink more fluids —especially water—and more than you think you need. Your body needs water for many crucial functions and dehydration can lead to serious health effects.
- Make sure clothing is lightweight and comfortable and—if you're planning to be outdoors—avoid the hottest parts of the day by scheduling activities during cooler hours (generally mornings and evenings). Also, be sure to wear a hat and use sunscreen because sunburn affects the body's ability to cool itself.
- Do not overexert. Stay cool indoors by turning on an air conditioner or evaporative cooling system. If you do not have access to air-conditioned space at home, please visit a local shopping mall, senior center, public library, community center, or other facility that is open to the public.
- Do not rely only on electric fans during a heat wave. When the temperature is in the 90s or above, a fan will not prevent heat-related illness. A cool shower or bath is a better way to beat the heat and keep body temperatures at safer levels.
- Use common sense. Avoid hot meals and heavy, spicy foods when the weather gets hot. Eat smaller meals more often.
- Never leave infants, children, or pets unattended in your vehicle, not even for a moment.
- Do not forget about your pets! For information on protecting your pets from the heat, please visit ASPCA Web Link below for Hot Weather Tips.
- If you, or someone you know, may be at risk for heat-related illness, talk to a doctor or pharmacist.
- Call 911 in the event of a true health emergency.
- Visit the following websites for comprehensive guidelines about staying healthy in hot weather.
    - https://www.ready.gov/heat
    - https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat
    - https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/heat-wave-safety.html
    - https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/hot-weather-safety-tips