

# Palm Beach County Encourages Residents and Visitors to Be Safe from the Heat and Take Advantage of Cool Spaces

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Palm Beach County encourages all residents and visitors to practice heat safety during these hot and humid days. The National Weather Service has issued an Excessive Heat Warning in effect Until 7 P.M. Tuesday; heat index values could be as high as **115°** during the afternoon hours.

The Heat Index is the apparent temperature, or “what the temperature feels like to the human body when relative humidity is combined with the air temperature.” This can lead to heat exhaustion and heat stroke illnesses.

To prevent heat related illnesses:

- **Never leave children, vulnerable adults, or pets in a parked car** – Temperatures in a parked car can rise quickly which can cause death for children, vulnerable adults, or pets. If you see a person or pet in a parked vehicle on a hot day, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- **Limit time outside** – avoid being outside during the midday heat and spend more time inside when possible
- **Utilize public spaces** – take advantage of public spaces with air conditioning when possible. Use this time to read a book or surf the internet at one of the great library locations within the county, visit a local park or neighborhood splash pad, (County Library & Parks map attached); a public or community pool, your local community center or neighborhood clubhouse. Even plan your shopping for the middle of the day to stay cool when it is hottest out.
- **Stay hydrated** – drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty
- **Do not get too much sun** – apply sunscreen if you are going to be in the sun.

For more heat related preparedness information visit [Extreme Heat \(fema.gov\)](https://www.fema.gov).