

Region 12 Regional Planning Council

Unsheltered Summer Contingency Plan

6/1/26-9/1/2026 Summer Season

Project's Purpose: On behalf of Region 12, members of the Homeless Response System in response to the extreme temperatures of the summer months, Region 12 seeks to coordinate cooling sites for our unhoused neighbors. Please note that the following sites are open during the greatest heat of the day.

Summer Contingency Plan: goes into effect beginning **June 1st 2026**, and continues until **September 1st 2026**, **when the temperature exceeds 90°F and by location within the Homeless Response System.**

- I. **United Caring Services** Location is 324 NW 6th St., Evansville, IN 47708.
 - a. Red Flag operations typically occur during daytime hours. Overnight accommodation is not guaranteed, as temperatures are generally below Red Flag thresholds by evening.
 - b. **Check in for UCS will be 8:00 PM.** Men, Women, and Children will be allowed in, no couples in cots, mats, or mattresses from outside UCS are allowed.
 - c. **Check out for UCS will be 7:00 AM** and guests are allowed to stay in the UCS Day Shelter the following day, use the showers, laundry facilities, and eat three (3) meals.

- II. **Evansville Rescue Mission** Location is 500 E Walnut St, Evansville, IN 47713.
 - a. During Red Flag conditions (when temperature exceeds 90°F), the MRC will operate as a daytime cooling center for men, women, and children of all ages.
 - b. Guests must be able to pass a breathalyzer test and may not be listed on the sex offender registry or be permanently banned from the facility.
 - c. Individuals removed for minor violations may still access the facility during Red Flag operations. If a rule is violated while utilizing the facility, the individual will be asked to leave.
 - d. Red Flag operations typically occur during daytime hours. Overnight accommodation is not guaranteed, as temperatures are generally below Red Flag thresholds by evening.
 - e. Overnight guests must be men ages 18 years or older.

- III. **Summer Contingency Plan** in the Region 12 Homeless Response System **is a varied living program.**
 - a. **UCS:** United Caring Services ***understand that addiction is a medical and/or behavioral issue, and substance use outside of UCS hours should not be considered a reason to exclude someone from overnight shelter.*** However, to have a safe and harmonious community, we must insist that everyone makes every effort to behave safely and appropriately during UCS operation hours. ***UCS will not tolerate the use of alcohol or drugs in our building or anywhere on our property.*** UCS guests are subject to rules and community expectations throughout their stay and refusal or inability to observe these rules may result in being asked to leave for the night.
 - b. **ERM:** Evansville Rescue Mission is a substance free facility. Guests must pass a breathalyzer test upon entry and may be subject to further screening if substance use is suspected.

Cooling Centers: provided at various locations throughout Evansville when the temperature exceeds 90°F

I. Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library (EVPL)

a. EVPL will serve as a cooling center during our normal operating hours at EVPL Central Library. We always commit ourselves to being open and accessible for heating and/or cooling. During these times, everyone must follow our EVPL Code of Conduct, and anyone who has been suspended from using the library will still be suspended during weather events.

i. **Location:** 200 SE MLK Jr BLVD, Evansville, IN 47713 (corner of MLK & Walnut St)

ii. **Times are as follows** (excluding holidays or emergency weather events):

1. Monday - Thursday: 9 AM to 8 PM

2. Friday: 9 AM to 6 PM

3. Saturday: 9 AM to 5 PM

4. Sunday: 1 PM to 5 PM

II. Evansville Rescue Mission

a. ERM provides daytime hours as part of their summer contingency plan. Guests may stay in the Atrium during this time. Standard rules of conduct apply. Men, women, and children of all ages are welcome during the day when temperature exceeds 90°F.

i. **Location:** 500 E Walnut St, Evansville, IN 47713

ii. **Times are as follows**

1. Daily: 8 AM to 6 PM