

SEASONAL PREPAREDNESS

SPRING/SUMMER 2026

With the warmer months approaching, Community Care Facilities Licensing program would like to share important information and resources with Residential and Child Care facilities to prepare for summer heat, wildfires, and changing air quality.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

- Emergency preparedness plans are current, site- specific, and include procedures for heat events, wildfire, air quality, and evacuation.
- Staff are trained and familiar with their roles and responsibilities during environmental emergencies. Adequate measures are in place to maintain safe indoor temperatures and support hydration.
- Indoor air quality is monitored and managed, including strategies to reduce smoke infiltration. Communication plans are established to ensure timely updates to staff, families, and relevant authorities.
- Staffing contingency plans are in place to maintain safe care levels during emergencies.

HELPFUL TIPS

- Monitor local weather forecasts and air quality indices daily. Identify and maintain designated cooling areas within the facility.
- Ensure access to fluids and encourage frequent hydration. Limit outdoor activities during periods of extreme heat or poor air quality.
- Ensure fans, air-conditioners and HVAC systems are regularly maintained and working. Maintain and routinely check emergency supplies (i.e. water, non-perishable food, medications, PPE).
- Review and update specific emergency needs (i.e. mobility, medical supports).
- Test backup systems where applicable (i.e. generators, ventilation systems).

RESOURCES

EXTREME HEAT

- [Heat Safety](#)
- [Care Facilities Preparation for Extreme Heat](#)
- [Extreme Heat Preparedness Guide](#)
- [Emergency Management Resources](#)

AIR QUALITY

- [Air Quality Index](#)

WILDFIRES

- [Wildfire Resources](#)
- [BC Wildfire Service](#)
- [Wildfire and Community Care Facilities](#)
- [Wildfire Smoke BCCDC](#)
- [Health Emergency Managements System BC](#)

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