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## American Red Cross, communities open cooling centers

Many communities throughout central Ohio have opened cooling centers for those still without power after Friday's severe storms.

### **Bexley**

The [Bexley Public Library](#) is functioning as the City's designated cooling center. The library has power and will be open during our regular hours. We are open 9-6 on Friday and Saturday, 1-5 on Sunday, and 9-9 Monday through Thursday. 2411 E. Main Street, Bexley, Ohio 43209. (614) 231-2793

### **Canal Winchester & Pickerington**

Fairfield County American Red Cross designated emergency overnight shelter: [Maple Street United Methodist Church](#) - 438 E. Wheeling St., Lancaster

### **Columbus**

In the [City of Columbus](#), the Dodge Recreation Center at 667 Sullivant Avenue and the Far East Recreation Center at 1826 Lattimer Drive are open between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday to give residents an opportunity to cool off, the city said. All Columbus recreation centers will return to normal hours on Monday.

Most branches of the [Columbus Metropolitan Library](#) are open regular hours to include: Driving Park, Franklinton, Gahanna, Hilliard, Hilltop, Karl Road, Livingston, Main Library, Martin Luther King, Northern Lights, Northside, Parsons, Reynoldsburg, South High, Southeast, Whetstone and Whitehall. Due to the power outages, Dublin, New Albany, Shepard and Linden branches are closed.

### **Delaware County**

[Vineyard Church of Delaware County](#), 1001 Cherry Street, Sunbury. 24/7 American Red Cross Shelter with the ability to meet some special healthcare needs, especially those on at-home oxygen. If residents need transportation to the shelter or have questions, they can call the American Red Cross, Delaware County Chapter, at 740-272-7716.

[Polaris Fashion Place Mall](#) 614-621-2245. Open regular hours.

[Delaware District Libraries:](#)

- Delaware Main Branch - 84 East Winter Street Delaware, 740-362-3861
- Orange Township Branch - 7171 Gooding Boulevard 740-549-2665
- Ostrander Branch - 75 North Fourth Street Ostrander, OH 43061 740-666-1410
- Powell Branch - 60 South Liberty Street Powell, OH 43065 614-888-9160

[Sunbury Community Library](#) (Limited A/C) On The Square 44 Burrer Dr. Sunbury, OH 43074  
740-965-3901

## **Dublin**

[Dublin Community Recreation Center](#) inside Coffman Park is open regular hours.

[Whole Foods in Dublin](#), 3670 W. Dublin-Granville Rd, is offering free water, ice, charging stations and more. Open regular hours.

## **Fairfield County**

American Red Cross Shelter:

Fairfield County

Maple St. United Methodist Church

438 E. Wheeling St., Lancaster

## **German Village**

[German Village Society](#) - Heat Relief Center. The Meeting Haus und Visitor Center will be open noon to 5pm for those of you without power to come in and cool off. Bring your cell phones/laptops to plug-in and recharge... Kids & pets welcome!

## **Gahanna**

The City of Gahanna has established a cooling center at the [Gahanna Senior Center](#) at 480 Rocky Fork Blvd. The center will be open from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday. There will be chairs, tables, and water available.

[Gahanna John Bickley YMCA](#) - 555 YMCA Place Gahanna, OH 43230. The Gahanna Y is open to our community (members and non-members) who are experiencing a loss of power.

## **Johnstown**

The Monroe Township Fire Department and the Red Cross have opened a shelter at the [Johnstown Recreation Center](#) at 185 W. Maple Street in Johnstown. The shelter is open to any person who needs a place to escape the heat.

## **Licking County**

[Licking County Aging Center](#) (American Red Cross designated shelter)– 745 E. Main St., Newark - Noon – 8p.m.

[West Licking Fire Department](#) (American Red Cross designated shelter)– 851 E. Broad St., Pataskala - Noon – 8 p.m.

## **Whitehall**

The City of Whitehall is opening a shelter at the [Whitehall Senior Center](#) at 4924 Etna Road. Anyone needing transportation assistance to the shelter should call 614-237-6333.

## **Westerville**

[Westerville Community Center](#) - 1500 North Cleveland Ave. Open regular hours.

## **Worthington**

[Worthington Community Center](#) is open Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (pool closes at 5:30). Residents without power may charge electronic devices, use our locker room to shower, or just cool off in our lobby or game room during open hours.