

CITY OF ORILLIA POLICY MANUAL

Part	6	Protection to Persons and Property	6.2.1.1.
Section	2	Emergency Management	
Sub-Section	1	Extreme Weather	
Policy	1	Weather Alerts and Warnings	

1. The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for implementing and coordinating extreme hot and cold weather preparedness and response activities which focus on reducing the negative health impacts of extreme weather conditions.

2. The main objectives of this policy are to:
 - a) Alert those most vulnerable that extreme weather conditions are either expected or currently exist;
 - b) Enable those most vulnerable to take appropriate precautions;
 - c) Trigger response actions by agencies that are in a position to provide services or alter operations in such a way as to protect vulnerable people from extreme weather.

3. When extreme hot and cold weather warnings are initiated by the Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit Medical Officer of Health the Orillia Fire Department will use social media and media releases to advise resident and other support agencies.

4. The Orillia Fire Department shall use the Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit documents, "Recommendations to Municipalities in Response to Extreme Hot and Cold Warnings", as a guideline.

5. The Orillia Fire Department shall initiate the opening of cooling and warming centres and hydration stations in some municipal buildings when the criteria set by the Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit has been met.

6. In extreme hot weather warnings, the Orillia Fire Department shall contact the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture or alternate to extend hours of operation for beaches when possible.