

## **Preparedness Tips**

## During a heat wave:

- Avoid direct sun and heat.
- .. Avoid strenuous activity during the hottest part of day: 11:00am 4:00pm.
- Stay indoors and stay cool with an air conditioner or electric fan.
- Close blinds, drapes, doors and windows to keep heat out during the day.
- Keep electric lights down or off.
- Drink plenty of water regularly and often. Avoid alcohol, caffeine and sugar.
- Eat small meals. Avoid foods high in sodium.
- Wear light-colored, lightweight, loose fitting clothing.
- If you have a baby, be aware of heat risks. Consider a cool, not cold water bath.
- Do not leave people or pets alone in parked cars.
- Apply cool damp towels to wrists and back of neck. Sit in front of a fan to increase evaporation.
- If you must go out, public buildings such as libraries, senior centers, movie theaters, grocery stores or shopping malls may provide air-conditioned refuge during the hottest part of the day.
- Call 911 for any serious heat related medical conditions.